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Town Manager Screening Com. reviews applicants

By PAIGE IMPINK **News Correspondent** paige@yourtowncrier.com

WILMINGTON — The search committee tasked with finding Wilmington's next town manager has started the process of reviewing applicants. Working with the consulting firm Community Paradigm Associates over the last two months, the committee contributed to a list of attributes and desirable qualities for the next town manager and helped create a marketing piece for prospective candidates.

Candidates for the position were recruited by CPA through municipal job posting channels and professional connections. Prospective candidates are sorted into categories by experience. According to CPA principal Bernie Lynch, some candidates may have interesting backgrounds and could come from outside the municipal world, while others may have current municipal experience and are ready for the next step to become the town's chief administrator.

The committee conducted interviews with candidates on Friday, Feb. 9 and Monday, Feb.

Candidates who were considered strong or very strong fits were reviewed by the screening committee. The Select Board will have the ultimate decision-making authority over the hire of the town's chief administrative officer.

Long-time town manager Jeff Hull retired in October 2023. Lou Cimaglia, the town's veteran's agent, has been holding the ship steady as interim town manager with the support of department heads and administrative staff.

According to screening committee chairperson Rob Peterson, the Select Board was provided an update on the status of the process at its Feb. 12 meeting.

"The Select Board will look to set a time to meet and interview a short list of candidates," Peterson said, adding that he thought that might occur over the next few weeks.

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Select Board moves street acceptance forward

By LIZZY HILL **News Correspondent**

TEWKSBURY - The Select Board met on Monday, Feb. 12 and approved a number of resident requests.

Their only appointment that night concerned a request to initiate the street acceptance process for Green Meadow Drive. Temporary Town Manager Lou Cimaglia informed the board of their receipt of memorandums from Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich and developer Joe Langone.

He shared that the subdivision developer requested the Planning Board review their request and initiate the street acceptance process, which they did. This board's approval would be the next step.

Cimaglia also mentioned that the request would come before the board for a public hearing during their Feb. 26 meeting.

The board voted in favor of following the recom-mendation of Gingrich and Town Engineer Paul Alunni as described.

Three other memos were received that night. The first was from Cimaglia, notifying the board about the warrant articles by

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petition which would be put up for vote at the annual Town Meeting. He mentioned articles for rezoning parcels and areas of town, renaming the Woburn Street School as the Richardson Elementary

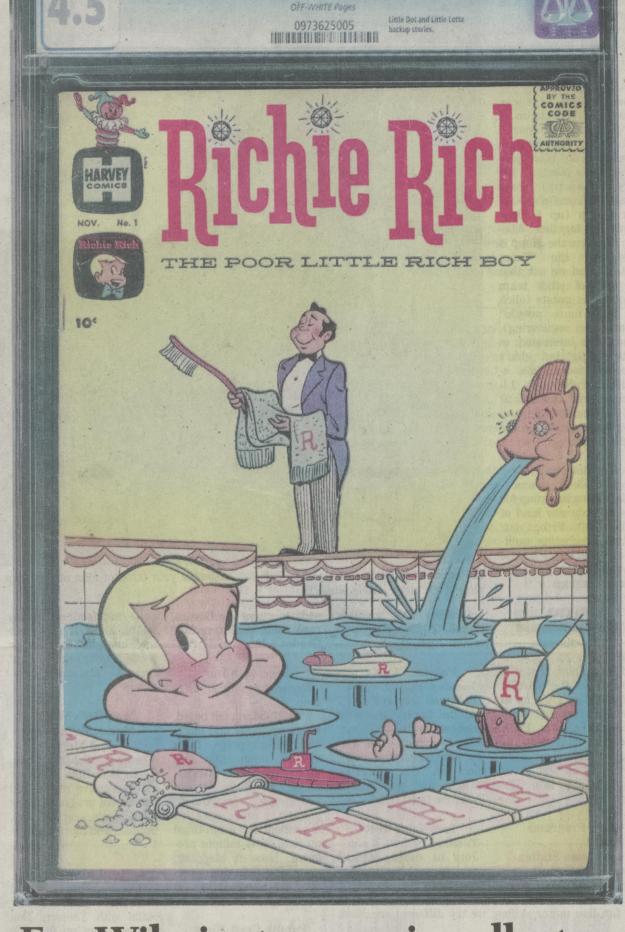
School, and a few others. Town Manager Screening Committee Chair Robert G. Peterson Jr. wrote the board with an update after their latest executive session. He shared that the committee reviewed all of the applications received for the town manager position. Though he couldn't give too much detail, Peterson said they were satisfied with the number of applicants and the strength of the resumes they received.

They narrowed the appli-

cants down to interviewees and were undertaking interviews in order to present finalists to the board. Lastly, a letter was received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts Archivist John D. Warner Jr. to Town Clerk Elizabeth Lawrenson regarding a veterans' heritage grant. Cimaglia reminded the board that Lawrenson came before them previously to announce she would apply for the grant. The memo provided that the award came in at

The board then approved the signing of the warrant to hold the presidential primary election on March 5, 2024. They approved executing the collective bargaining agreement reached between the town and the New England Police

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For Wilmington comic collector, non-superhero Golden Age titles hold nostalgia — and value

WILMINGTON — Philip Cole's comic book collection is so famous that it has its own name: the PACole Collection - more than 1,000 graded books that have been admired, and coveted, by fel-

low collectors for decades. They'll have a shot at owning some of these prized books when ComicConnect hosts the debut of the PACole Collection as part of its Event Auction 57, starting Feb.

One part of Cole's collection, though, is not likely to bring as much attention as the others. Still, it's "near and dear to my heart," as he puts it: Richie Rich. It's where his love of comic books began as a kid growing up in Dunkirk, New York, a town about an hour south of Buffalo on the shores of Lake Erie.

"In the collection is the first comic I ever bought - Richie Rich," said Cole, 61, who lives in Wilmington, a suburb of Boston. "I was maybe 9 or 10. I remember taking my allowance and paper route money and swinging around every week to the four newsstands in my hometown. They knew me. They would hold the new comics behind the counter until I could get there."

He would also sneak peeks at



the comics kept in the attic by his brother, who was 10 years older. One of them was a Golden Age DC title, Sugar and Spike, featuring the misadventures of two toddlers who communicate via "baby talk" with each other and to other infants, but not to adults.

Because the issues were routinely cut up by kids for the included paper dolls, they're incredibly rare now.

"Fast forward to adulthood, and I thought, 'Let me try to put together a collection of 'Sugar and Spike," Cole said.

Though not complete, Cole's Sugar and Spike set won an award as Best Golden Age Set from the CGC Comics Registry and will be included in the auction.

As to why he became a collector, Cole said, "I always had that mindset. My father was a stamp collector. It must be genetic. He wanted me to collect stamps, but my older brother had collected comics. I just kept them. Over the years, I have maybe sold only a dozen comics from my collection."

He kept collecting as a teenager and young adult. In high school, he was introduced to the Marvel titles and the idea of collecting graded and encapsulated books. And he had a nose for what might

become a hit. "Just before we were married in 1985, I dragged my wife, Karen, to a comic book show in Boston," Cole recalled. "There was a table with two guys from New Hampshire selling their new comic book. I bought #2 and #4 and had them autograph them to me. I wanted to buy #1 but Karen said, 'No way you're spending \$100. Who wants a comic book about teenage mutant ninja turtles?""

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Wilmington Library News:

Puzzle race on Friday, Feb. 23

The library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19 in observance of the holiday.

Donate your unused jewelry for our annual spring Jewelry Sale on April 5 and 6! Donations can in-Viclude anything like necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, pearls, men's jewelry, kids jewelry, etc. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.

Adult Programs

Drop-in Tech Help Tuesday, Feb. 20; 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, 2 p.m. Have a tech question that's been bugging you?

Puzzle Race!

Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Thursday, Feb. 22, 6 p.m. Assemble your team of four for a chance at puzzle victory! The first team to complete a 500 piece puzzle will take home all the glory (and a prize). Please register all members of your group (up to four people) all together. Whoever registers the group is o considered the "Team Contact" and we ask that ayou add all other team members as guests (click the "add more people" y button when registering). To If you are interested in an participating but don't have any teammates, ememail Adult Services Librarian Erin Driscoll at adultservices@wilmlibraary.org to be placed on the s Singles Team.

Needleworkers

ni Friday, Feb. 23, 10 a.m. This is a social group for nothose who do any kind of x needle craft. Bring your 29 knitting, crocheting, quilteging, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

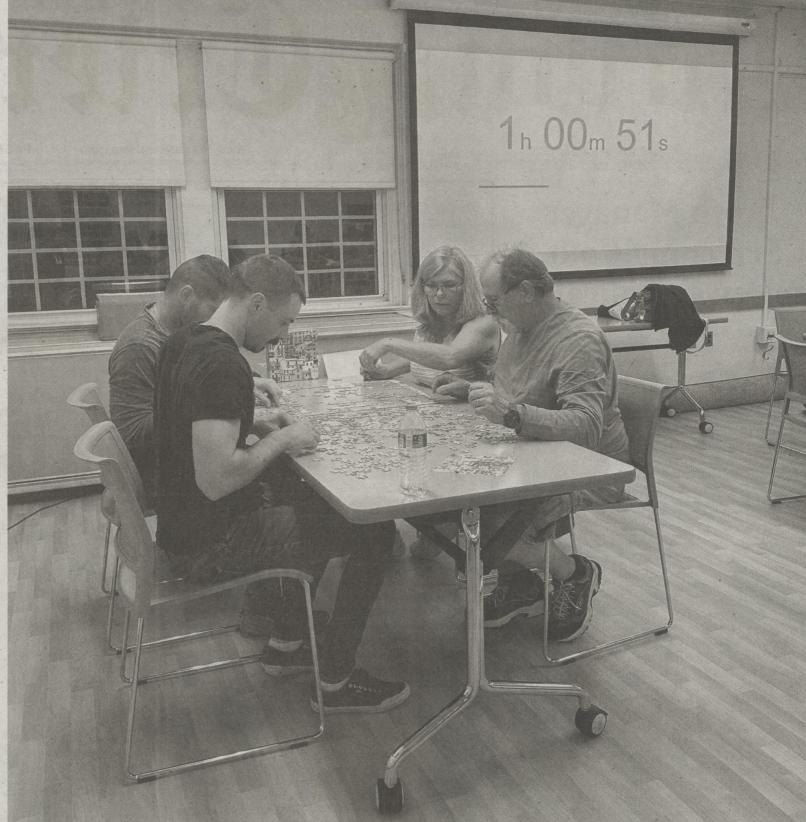
VIRTUAL W.E.B. Du Bois and Massachusetts

Friday, Feb. 23, 1 p.m. Did you know that the co-founder of the NAACP, WEB Du Bois grew up in Great Barrington? Camesha Scruggs PhD, professor of history at Central Connecticut State University, as she gives great insight into the great man.

Youth Programs

Exploration Station

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 10 a.m. Come enjoy this handson science exploration with fun fine motor skills



▲ Register for our Puzzle Race on Feb. 22! Assemble your team of four, or join as a single and compete for a prize! The first team to complete a 500 piece puzzle wins! (Courtesy photo)

activities! This month's theme is "hearts" and crafts! Ages 2-5

Pokemon Party

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 3 p.m. Pokemon Day is Feb. 27 and the library wants to celebrate with you over school vacation week! Enjoy activities, play Pokemon on the library's Switch, and meet other Pokemon fans! Grades K-5

Teen Taste Test

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6 p.m. Join us during school vacation week for another Teen Taste Test. Put your taste buds to the test as we try different snacks &

soda to guess the flavors, rank them, and have fun! Grades 6-12

Music with Dara Wednesday, Feb. 21, 10:30

With keyboard, felt board, finger puppets, and engaging visual props, Dara weaves songs (old and new favorites), fingerplays, rhythmic activities/simple instrument playing, and creative movement for a fun-filled musical 30-45 minute program. Lots of clapping, marching, singing, creative expression and FUN!

Family Craft Night: Pinecone Bird Feeders

Ages 2-5

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m. Complete a craft together with your family! Celebrate National Bird Feeding Month and make pinecone bird feeders! Please let us know if you have any allergies to nuts or seeds in your registration! Ages 3+ and their caregivers

MaryBeth Maes Music, Movement and More

Thursday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m. Join MaryBeth Maes for an interactive music and movement program, using instruments, scarves, balls, bubbles and more! Ages 0-

Read to Stormy

Thursday, Feb. 22, 4 p.m. Practice your reading skills with Therapy Dog Stormy! Sign up for a 15 minute session! Grades K-6

Family Movie Matinee: The Game Plan

Friday, Feb. 23, 11 a.m. Wear your pjs and bring

something comfy to sit on for this special morning matinee! Watch Disney's The Game Plan, enjoy delicious popcorn, and even get some giveaways and participate in a raffle all put n by Beyond Podcast! vie rated PG. For families

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door — **Winter Hours**

The Book Store Next Door will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will be closed on Wednesdays in January and February. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

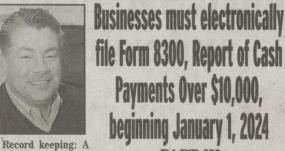
WML In-Person **Programming**

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual **Programming**

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

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business must keep a copy of every Form 8300 it files, as well as any supporting documentation and the required statement it sends to customers. for five years from the date filed. Filing electronically will provide confirmation that the form was filed; however, e-file confirmation e-mails alone don't meet the record keeping requirement. When e-filing, filers must also save a copy of the form prior to finalizing the form submission. They should associate the confirmation number with the saved copy. Before finalizing the form for submission, businesses should save a copy of the form electronically or print a copy.

E-filing: Many businesses have already found the free and secure e-filing system to be a more convenient and cost-effective way to meet the reporting deadline of 15 days after a transaction. They get free email acknowledgment of receipt of the form when they e-file. Businesses can batch e-file their reports, which is

especially helpful to those required to file many forms. To file Forms 8300 electronically, a business must set up an account with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's BSA E-Filing System. The IRS will ensure the privacy and security of

all taxpayer data. For more information, interested businesses can call the Bank Secrecy Act E-Filing Help Desk at 866-346-9478 or email them at BSAEFilingHelp@fincen.gov. For more information about the BSA E-Filing System, businesses can complete a technical support request at Self Service Help Ticket (treas.gov). The help desk is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST.

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Locals named to Dean's List at North Shore CC

DANVERS — North List students for the Fall Shore Community College President Dr. William Heineman is pleased to announce that the students listed below were Dean's

2023 semester.

Dean's List Honors are awarded to students who have earned six or more semester hours of academic credit with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.30 or higher.

WILMINGTON Antonia Brunetto, Rob Burns, Danielle Cormier, Kenneth Fryer, Lily Lake, Aidan O'connell, Sydney Pelletier, Daniel Robinson

News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

NEW PROGRAMMING JUST FOR YOU!

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again with two fun and engaging crafts. With her helpers Zoey, Caitlyn and Alice, Rachelle shows you

Tewksbury Public Schools

for parents of students attending Tewksbury Public Schools:

Career, Vocational, and Technical School Application Process

(For schools other than Shawsheen Valley Technical High School)

Chapter 74 Non-Resident Tuition

Students interested in out-of-district placements under

Chapter 74 Vocational Education for an upcoming school year must submit their application to Tewksbury Public

Schools, Brenda Theriault-Regan, Superintendent, for

the specific school they wish to attend by April 1st of the

preceding school year. Tewksbury Public Schools reserves

the right to reject any application received after that date.

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Announcement

Crafts 'n' Stuff -

with Rachelle

Rachelle is back once

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in their winter gear and

It All Boyle's Down to This -Episode 25

Father and son hosts Jack and Jim talk the Grammy's, EPL, baseball, NBA, make their Super Bowl picks and finish with a seven wonders draft of Super Bowl players.

*These programs can be viewed on WCTV channels or on WCTV's Youtube channel: WCTV Wilmington.

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Comcast 22. Access Channel: Verizon 38, Comcast 6.

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WCTV.org. WCTV is located at 10 Wal-

tham Street, Wilmington Office hours by appointment: (978) 657-4066. **Questions about WCTV?**

Contact: info@wctv.org.

Shop Lifestyle consignment for luxury attire

By PAIGE IMPINK
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espite gloomy skies and six more weeks of winter, thoughts of warmer weather and uplifting times are on the minds of many as they plan for formal events in the spring and summer. And dress shopping for weddings, proms, and other formal events, often a group affair, is taking on a more sustainable vibe.

Fueled by the thrifting movement and the awareness by Gen Z of the impact of fast fashion on the environment, shopping consignment for luxury attire is increasingly where it's at.

Consignment today is defined by responsible consumption, and the market is expected to grow accor-

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ding to a 2020 report by thredUp, an online consignment platform. The landscape is dotted with boutiques and specialty upscale shops carrying pre-loved garments that have much more life to give.

Shoppers, many of whom are seeking to help their wallets while also helping the planet, are turning to consignment shops that specialize in bridal and special event formalwear.

Nearby, Consignment Bridal and Prom in North Andover sees customers from the Merrimack Valley, New England, New York and beyond.

"People recognize there is value in seeking out a gently worn wedding dress, mother of the bride dress, and the accessories that go with them," said Maria Seville, a dress consultant

at the shop.

Owner Jeanne Bianchi studied fashion design and made custom dresses in Waltham for years. In 2015, Bianchi started the store after hearing friends remark how expensive fancy dresses for proms were. Looking to start a business once her children were grown, Bianchi took the opportunity.

Seville said the market is booming for consignment bridal and prom dresses.

"We have new dresses that were purchased but never worn, and dresses that were worn for a few hours. They are sold at a substantial discount, and everything is current within five years," said Seville.

Brides reserve a 90-minute slot and are given full attention as they peruse the dresses.

"Designers run differ-

ently, so brides will try dresses in different sizes and styles," said Seville, who said the consignment bridal model gives brides much more selection than

a traditional retail outlet.

There are also matching shoes, clutches, belts, veils, and jewelry to complement the ensemble. The store partners with a seamstress to get just the right fit. Drop-ins are welcomed for the prom and mother of the bride dresses, but appointments are needed for wedding dress shopping. Seville has seen it all.

"We've had cowboy boots for a rodeo wedding, lots of sneakers for a moun-

◄ Consignment prom dresses are a sustainable way to get just the right look at a fraction of the

▲ New and gently-worn wedding dresses at Consignment Bridal and Prom give brides more fit and style options than a traditional salon. Brides are looking to save their wallets while saving the planet.

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said Seville, who loves hearing the stories and plans.
Similar to the wedding dresses, the prom dress consignment market is increasingly popular.

dings. You name it, today's

brides are imagining it,"

"We are starting our peak season now," said Seville, who sees customers shopping in February for cotillions, military balls, proms, and other significant events. "We are finding shops from around the country sending us new dresses to consign so they can keep their

own inventory fresh."
In fact, 80 percent of their

inventory is new. Everything the shop sells is floor length, and the trend seems stable.

"Our customers have an eco-friendly awareness," said Seville.

And while small consignment stores can also be a resource for formal items, the North Andover shop has hundreds of dresses in each category to choose from, and prides itself on a laid back, low stress experience. Sizes for brides and prom dresses range from 00 to size 26.

If a special event is in your future, consider shopping sustainably for your formal attire needs.





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OPINION Upcoming local events

Feb. 17, Annual Democratic caucus to elect delegates for the June 1, 2024 convention. Tewksbury Town Hall, 10 a.m. All registered Tewksbury Democrats are welcome to participate. Election will send 14 delegates & 3 alternates to Worcester convention.

Feb. 17, Balto, Public Health Museum. Learn the history of diphtheria and watch the film about the sled dogs who raced to stop an outbreak. 5:30 p.m., \$5 admission. Free snacks. 365 East St., Old Administration Building. Public healthmuseum.org

Feb. 17-24, February Vacation Special Tours, Public Health Museum, Take a Youth Scavenger Hunt, Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday. Publichealthmuseum

Feb. 24, Mohegan Sun Casino Bus Trip, Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy, \$45 pp includes driver gratuity. 7 a.m. from the 4th of July Building parking lot, Wilmington. Depart Mohegan Sun at 4:30 p.m. for return. Money is due by Feb. 8, 2024. Contact - Lucille 339-927-1447 lmclark 9999@comcast.net or Lynne 978-729-6044 Lynne_martell @comcast.net .

Feb. 25, Alternative House Love Should Be Sweet Fundraiser, Longmeadow Country Club, \$40 pp, 12 -2:30 p.m. All proceeds to benefit survivors of domestic violence.

Feb. 29, Winter Indoor Community Market, Tewksbury Senior Center, 4 - 7 p.m. Enjoy this indoor version of the outdoor summer community market. Food trucks and many vendors!

March 16, 2024, Book Donation Drive, Tewksbury Public Library, 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Please no textbooks, encyclopedias, or dictionaries. Books will be checked for saleable condition on the library honor carts. Friends of the Tewks--bury Public Library.

Thursdays and Saturdays, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for tours and shopping. Check website for tour times. Publichealthmuseum.org

Book Store Next Door, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds help support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Adults \$3, seniors and youth age 3-12 \$2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wil-

Middlesex Canal Museum, 1 Faulkner St., North Billerica, Saturdays, 12 - 4 p.m. middlesexcanal.org

Healey-Driscoll Administration announces over \$9.1M to strengthen cybersecurity

Healey-Driscoll Administration announced today that more than \$9.1 million in federal grant funds will be made available to strengthen cybersecurity and reduce systemic cyber risk for public agencies statewide.

The Municipal Local Cybersecurity Grant Program will invest \$7,289,717 into local agencies, including cities and towns, regional school districts and other regional authorities. Single applicants may apply for up to \$100,000 in funding, while multiple municipalities may jointly apply for up to \$300,000.

State agencies can apply for funding through the State Share Cybersecurity Grant Program. A total of \$1,822,429 is being made available, and applicants may request a maximum award of \$100,000.

"Cybersecurity threats continue to increase in sophistication and frequency. In this ever-changing digital world, we must implement smart cybersecurity strategies and adapt our systems to meet the moment," said Governor Maura Healey. "These grant programs will provide state and local agencies with resources to effectively respond to and recover from a cyberincident."

"These programs allow us to meet our security objectives across the state. No one agency can achieve these goals alone; the programs launched today will support state and municipal agencies as they implement new initiatives to create a more secure Massachusetts," said Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll.

The Office of Grants and Research (OGR) and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) partnered with the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (EOTSS) and the MassCyberCenter to make grant funds available to support cybersecurity initiatives across Massachusetts.

The federal funds were awarded through the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, offered by the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As the State Administrative Agency for grant funds received by Massachusetts from these federal agencies, OGR is responsible for managing and administering the grant.

In accordance with terms of the federal grant award, the Massachusetts Cybersecurity Planning Committee was formed to guide allowable cybersecurity activities for the Commonwealth, its municipalities, and other public entities.

"In every conversation I

have with a municipal leader, cybersecurity is a top concern, but they either do not have the dedicated personnel or funding to implement the most impactful best practices. Our state agencies and municipal governments will greatly benefit from this grant program, which strengthens the cybersecurity posture from a whole-of-state approach and makes the services we deliver to residents more secure," said Secretary of Technology Services and Security Jason Snyder, who as the Commonwealth's Chief Information Office chairs the Massachusetts Cybersecurity Planning Committee.

"Massachusetts is a global leader in innovation. Our adoption of advanced technology has vastly improved the Government's ability to deliver more effective and efficient services to our constituents," said Secretary of Public Safety and Security Terrence Reidy. "Those same innovations have also exposed our operational systems and sensitive data to significant risk. I encourage eligible entities to pursue this funding opportunity and strengthen our collective defense against evolving digital threats."

"This cross-secretariat collaboration is key to achieving our cybersecurity goals at the state and local level," said Deputy

Secretary of Public Safety and Security Susan Terrey, the Commonwealth's Homeland Security Advisory and vicechair of the Massachusetts Cybersecurity Planning Committee. "These grant opportunities reflect our commitment to enhancing cybersecurity, safeguarding infrastructure, building statewide cyber-resiliency and, above all, protecting our communities from harm."

"By securing these grant funds for the Commonwealth, we're able to address some of our most immediate cybersecurity priorities," said OGR Executive Director Kevin Stanton. "These programs allow us to partner with state and municipal leaders to promote enhanced cybersecurity preparedness and responses, helping ensure the security of the Commonwealth and its communities."

Applications for both grant programs are due March 8, 2024.

Interested municipalities and state agencies can learn more about the application process during upcoming webinars offered by OGR. Additional information, webinar registration links and application materials are available by visiting the Municipal Local Cybersecurity Grant Program page and State Share Cybersecurity Grant Program page of OGR's web-

Local students named to Dean's List at Emmanuel

BOSTON - In recogni- Emmanuel College is a tion of their outstanding achievement, academic Emmanuel College in Boston has named more than 900 students to the Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

WILMINGTON

- Melanie Phares
- Lanesha Joseph
- Donalissa Alphonse Joshua Rainone
- Adam Sulick
- Kylee Bevis Lauryn Hurley

TEWKSBURY

- Jaime Burns Erica Hinkle
- Gianna Ciampa
- Olivia Satterfield Tyler Trodden
- Brett Nkabasele Alexus Talavera
- Andrew Eringis Ada Nicodemus

co-educational, residential institution with a 17-acre campus in the heart of Boston's educational, scientific, cultural and medical communities. Enrolling more than 2,200 undergraduate and graduate students, the College provides boundless opportunities for students to expand their worldview through rigorous coursework, significant internship and career opportunities throughout the Boston area and beyond, collaborations with distinguished and dedicated faculty, and participation in a dynamic campus community.

Emmanuel's more than 70 programs in the sciences, liberal arts, business, nursing, and education foster spirited discourse and substantive learning experiences that honor the College's Catholic educational mission to educate the whole person and provide an ethical and relevant 21st-century education.

100+ People Tewksbury updates bylaws to refocus on local nonprofits

TEWKSBURY As Tewksbury's 100+ People Who Care giving circle approaches its three-year anniversary, the board has proposed several bylaw updates that reflect the desire by many members to focus more on Tewksbury-based nonprofits that serve a significant number of resi-

"While we retain a regional focus, we understand that there are a number of local and intown nonprofits that are experiencing exceptional need," said Chair Brent Conway. "And now that we are entering our third year, group favorites like Into Action Recovery will be eligible to be back on the pickerwheel."

When a nonprofit receives the \$10,000 Impact Award, it becomes ineligible for nomination for three years. Beginning in June, members may nominate previous winners including Alternative House, Hidden Battles, and Into Action on a rolling basis.

Under the new bylaw, at least one Tewksburybased nonprofit will present at each meeting. The group is also looking to partner with local groups to hold one service project per quarter for members, such as stocking the shelves at the Community Pantry. A new community service chair position is being created. Anyone interested in helping with this effort can reach out at 100Peo pleTewksbury@gmail.com.

The board is also seeking two sponsors for the March event to donate \$250 to two of the featured nonprofits.

In addition, the group is aiming to be greener by eliminating envelopes that end up being thrown away at the end of the night.

"Given that more than half of members have joined the 100+ People Grapevine to donate electronically, the time seems right to streamline the donation process," said board member Tricia Elwell

Any Tewksbury resident can join the 100+ People either individually or as a team and nominate a nonprofit. The more nominations, the more likely it is a group will be selected to present.

The 100+ People Who Care Tewksbury was founded in 2021 as a way for the community to come together and make significant change through impact giving.

"Since our first event in June 2021, our members have donated more than \$130,000 to nonprofits in our region, and more than 50 organizations have been nominated or participated in our meetings, increasing their reach to a broad, active philanthropic community," said at-large board member Jayne Wellman.

The next Impact Giving Night will be Monday, March 18 at 3 Amigos Bar & Grill at 1777 Main St. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by presentations at 7 p.m. The pickerwheel spins to select the three nonprofits that will be featured on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. All members are asked to check their nonprofit selections and contact Lorna Garey to make updates.

Learn more at the 100+ People Who Care Tewksbury website or Facebook page. Questions? Want to sponsor? Contact the board at 100Peo pleTewksbury@gmail.com.

Book Stew Review

'Master Slave Husband Wife' by Ilyon Woo

By EILEEN **MACDOUGALL**

Such an incredible true history, pre-Civil War, of Ellen and William Craft, an enslaved couple who traveled from bondage in Macon, Georgia to Phila-

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delphia and freedom, though not to safety or security.

Ellen, who was "owned" by her own half-sister, had very light skin color and was able to pass as a young white "gentleman," and William as her devoted, enslaved servant. Through six states, by

rail, ferry, coach, staying at inns as owner and owned, they took enormous risks of capture. Due to the hideous Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, agreed to by the North to keep the country together and championed by such statesmen as Noah Webster, the Crafts were always in danger of being returned to Macon.

To achieve their true freedom from capture, the Crafts sailed to Great Britain, where they appeared on the anti-slavery lecture circuit, with Ellen billed as "The White Slave," a description she despised.

All the while, both of their family members remained enslaved in Georgia until the Emancipation Proclamation.

In addition to the incredible story of their journey, the author shares her extensive research on the Boston abolitionists, on other Black men and women who were able to escape slavery, and on the ultimate destinies of the Crafts and their support-

Most repulsive was the horrifying episode with the "slavecatchers" sent from down South to Boston, where the Crafts were protected by activists and reviled by pro-slavery citizens who tried to force their return to the Macon plantation.

This is a remarkable recounting of little-known history, brought brilliantly back into the light by a talented author.

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OBITUARIES

Stephanie Marie Weymouth

Teacher, writer, actor, producer

that we announce the unexpected passing of Stephanie Marie Weymouth on Feb. 3, 2024.

Stephanie was born on April 6, 1992, and she left us too soon, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and cherished memories.

Stephanie graduated from Wilmington High School in 2010, and her pursuit of knowledge led her to Drew University in New Jersey, where she proudly graduated in 2014 with a degree in Theater Arts. She continued on and received her Master's Degree in Education the following year.

While at Drew, she was a leading actress in several productions including Spelling Bee. Stephanie also wrote and produced her own play, Linked, which won many awards.

After graduation, her first job was with the Institute of Music for Children in Elizabeth, NJ, which combined her passions of teaching and singing. Stephanie loved being able to share her gifts with her students.

Her calling to education extended to her role as a beloved teacher at People's Preparatory Charter School in Newark, NJ, where she touched the lives of many with her dedication and enthusiasm.

Stephanie is survived by her loving parents, Nancy and Glenn Weymouth, her

It is with heavy hearts sister and brother-in-law, Amanda and Kyle Arndt of Minnesota, and nephews Dustin, Garrison, and James Arndt.

She also leaves behind a large extended family and "fake" family, including aunts, uncles, cousins, and her dear friend Winnie.

Stephanie's light and spirit were unmatched. She was able to pack a full life into her 31 years. Known for her vibrant spirit and zest for life, Stephanie had a list of hobbies and passions that reflected her adventurous and joyful personality.

She enjoyed sipping on espresso martinis, cheering on her beloved New England Patriots, and expressing herself through song. She also loved exploring new destinations with friends and family.

Stephanie proudly went on a solo trip to Montreal with Winnie. She also loved relaxing at local beaches, indulging in her love for "Hocus Pocus," adorning her body with meaningful tattoos, and being "Aunt Stephy" to her three precious nephews.

Stephanie was easy to love and loved others with all her heart. Her deep love and devotion to her family and friends was unwavering.

Stephanie was an amazing inspiration to all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her infectious laughter, warm heart, and



genuine kindness will be forever etched in the memories of those whose lives she touched.

To honor her memory, we celebrated the beautiful and vibrant life she led. Calling hours were on Friday Feb. 9, 2024, from 3 - 8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington. A funeral mass was celebrated Saturday Feb. 10, 2024, at St. Dorothy's Church, Main Street, Wilmington at noon.

peace, and may her memory live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to have known her. In lieu of flowers, the Weymouth family is in the process of establishing an educational scholarship in Stephanie's memory. Please check the Nichols website in the future for details. www.nicholsfu-

May her soul rest in

neralhome.com Please share your memories, photos, and videos of Stephanie to the following email address: remem bermissw@gmail.com



Everything isbetter with chocolate

Women United in Faith held their 7th annual Chocolate Festival on Saturday at the Wilmington United Methodist Church. The Wilmington-Tewksbury group seeks to improve lives locally and globally and choose a different charity to support with each event. A silent auction and fill-a-box of chocolates was part of the fun. Here, Denise Farnsworth, Deb Rauseo, Ginny Hipple, and Bev Soper hand out chocolate treats to patrons.

(Paige Impink photo)

John H. Quilty, Jr. Co-invented a circular aspirator

87, of Wilmington, passed away suddenly on Feb. 10,

John was born on May 3, 1936, in Boston; he was the cherished son of the late John H. and Katharine (DaPonte) Quilty.

John grew up in Medford and graduated from Medford High School with the Class of 1954. Following high school, he furthered his education, graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tufts University and attended a joint program with RPI and Tufts in Graduate Studies.

John married in 1959 and started his family in Manchester CT, moving to Arlington in 1964, and settling in Wilmington in 1973.

John spent his professional career in high-tech engineering. During that time, he co-invented the

John H. Quilty, Jr., age patented "Circulating aspirator with improved temperature control."

In his earlier years he enjoyed sailing, horseback riding; working at the rodeos when they came to Boston. He enjoyed camping with the family up and down the East Coast.

John also loved to travel the sea, taking several cruises around the world receiving a "Master of the Seas" certificate.

John enjoyed ballroom dancing and appreciated good wine. He loved trains and muscle cars, especially his '96 Mustang.

John was the devoted father of John R. Quilty and his wife Denise of Wilmington, Susan Bennett of Wilmington, and the late Karen Quilty, loving "Grandpa" of Emily Bennett, Janelle and Jeffrey Spano, Devin Kelley, Shayla Kelley-Wilder and Kelsey



Hatt, and great-grandfather of Theo Hatt.

Family and friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington on Friday, Feb. 16 from 5 -7 p.m.

Memorial donations in John's name may be made to the American Heart Association, PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692 or to the Wilmington Police Association, 1 Adelaide Street, Wilmington, MA 01887.

Wilmington Good Guy nominations now open

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Good Guy Committee has announced that nominations are now being accepted for the 2024 Wilmington Good Guy Award that will be presented at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus on Friday,

May 10, 2024 at 7 p.m. Tell us who deserves this award because of their contributions to making this community a great place to live. Who steps up when help is needed? Who volunteers without being asked? Who takes on a leadership role in the community and makes sure that

things get done right? You know them from being around town... Maybe a neighbor, a coach, a scout leader, or a member of a club or organization in town? Perhaps they run a charitable event, volunteer their time with senior citizens, or organize a fundraiser for a worthy cause.

Help us to honor that individual and thank them for their Good Guy efforts to make Wilmington and the world a better place.

Be specific and tell us what makes your nominee better than the others!

Good Guy Nomination letters can be emailed to: WilmingtonGoodGuy

11 students named to

Dean's List at Fitchburg

@gmail.com or mailed to Wilmington Good Guy Committee c/o 2 West St. Wilmington MA 01887. The deadline for nomi-

nations will be March 29, 2024 and the 2024 Good Guy will be selected during the first week of April.

All submitters will be notified as to whether their candidate has been selected. Tickets will go on sale on April 8, 2024 at \$35 per person and join us on May 10 for a full night of dinner, fun, recognition and appreciation, hosted by Wilmington native and stand-up comedian (and former Good Guy) Steve Bjork.

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Take survey, help

TEWKSBURY — Have a minute? Help improve your library!

Through Monday March 11, take part in the Tewksbury Public Library's 2024 Community Survey. Share your feedback on current services, how you use your library, and what you'd like to see offered at TPL in the future.

Your feedback shapes the future of the library during a strategic planning process that charts the next three years of TPL's goals to continue to improve access and the diversity of services offered. library provides

Tewksbury residents with a wide variety of materials, resources, and services. TPL provides free access to literacy and learning opportunities through expansive book, media and online collections, as well as a variety of events for community members of all ages.

These resources combine to offer each resident many opportunities to transform their lives by using the Tewksbury Public Library. Be part of shaping the future of events and services at your local library by taking part in this survey! Complete the 2024 survey

online at surveymonkey.com /r/TPL2024 or visit the first floor to pick up a paper copy and drop off your completed survey at the Circulation Desk by 9 p.m. on Monday March 11.

All survey responses are anonymous but you are welcome to share your email address to take part in a raffle for a \$25 gift card to Market Basket located at the conclusion of each survey, both online and on paper.

Questions about library services? Please visit tewksburypl.org or call 978-640-4490 for more information.

TEWKSBURY

FITCHBURG — Fitch-

burg State University

President Richard S. La-

pidus has announced the

students who qualified

for inclusion on the

Dean's List for the Fall

- · Ashly M. Caredeo
- Joshua O. Kuffoh • Caitlin A. Legvold

2023 semester.

- Christian W. Marsden • Kiley S. McFadden
- · Alexis K. Raymond

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- Jake P. Arsenault
- Veronica K. Barton • Joseph A. Cornish
- Jake A. Estrada
- Kylee J. Hutchison

A student is placed on the Dean's List for the semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is attained, and the student is attending the

university full time.

Fitchburg State University enrolls day and evening students in more than 50 programs of undergraduate and graduate study. The university was established in 1894. Learn more at fitchburgstate.edu.

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Beck named to Dean's List at Lasell Univ.

NEWTON — Heather Beck, a Lasell University student from Wilmington was named to the Dean's List for their academic performance in the fall 2023 semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, Lasell students must complete at least 12 credits as a full-time student and achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

About Lasell An innovator in education for over 150 years, Lasell University today is a comprehensive coeducational

We are known for helping students make the connection between classroom lessons and real life through hands-on activities such as internships, practicum, service learning, and meaningful projects.

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www.homenewshere.com or masspublicnotices.org/Search.aspx



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY. **MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for Brush Mowing (Contract PW-24-14), Traffic Marking (Contract PW-24-15), Catch Basin Cleaning (Contract PW-24-16), Street Sweeping (Contract PW-24-19), and Structure Repair and Adjustments (Contract PW-24-20) will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the Department of Public Works office, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876, until 11:00 AM, on February 29, 2024 at that time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The contracts listed above will be for yearly work up to a period of three years total.

Contract Documents are available after 8:00 AM local time on Monday, February 5, 2024 by requesting a set via email to DLizotte@tewksbury-ma.gov. No monetary deposit is required to obtain the documents. Contract Documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the DPW office during the following hours: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

RICHARD A. MONTUORI TOWN MANAGER TEWKSBURY, **MASSACHUSETTS** 2/7,14/24

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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT**

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION NOTICE**

Docket No. MI24P0611EA

Estate of: **James Anthony Ficociello** Also Known As: James A. Ficociello Date of Death: September 01, 2023

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Jeanne E Ficociello of Hingham MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Jeanne E Ficociello of Hingham MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on February 29, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Lee Ghannam, for a variance under Sections 5.3.1.E.1 & 5.3.2 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for an accessory structure located within the front setback & from the minimum front yard setback as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 310 Brown Street, Assessor's Map 81. Lot 207 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair 2/14,21/24

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to: Donald Young, of 41 Doyle St the last registered owner of a 2010 Mazda 3

VIN # JN11BL1SG9A1262000 that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about March 1, 2024 at A&S Towing, 222 Andover Street, Wilmington MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due. 2/7,14,21/24

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT**

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION NOTICE**

Docket No. MI24P0250EA

Estate of: Frederic Valentine Larson Also Known As: Frederic V. Larson Date of Death: November 27, 2023

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Sten E Larson of Amherst NH a Will has been admitted to informal

Sten E Larson of Amherst NH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

Safety tips for using a portable generator

By HEATHER BURNS **News Correspondent**

Despite the fact that the first day of spring is a little over a month away, and the meteorological first day of spring is just a few weeks away, the seasoned New Englander recognizes that we are likely in store for several more winter storms before we can enjoy any upcoming springlike weather.

Winter storms can not only bring cold temperatures and unwanted snow and ice, but these storms can also cause area wide power outages.

Because of the severity of New England storms, many are choosing to get generators to avoid the inconvenience of longand short-term power outages

While whole-house or fixed generators provide an automatic, permanent backup power solution supplied by natural gas or liquid propane, they are a large financial investment, and can be too costly for some homeowners.

generators Portable are powered by gasoline, and can be a more affordable option for a temporary backup power solution. Although not powerful enough to supply your entire house with electricity, they can help you through a power outage by keeping your refrigerator and heat running, as well as providing a few lights and the ability to charge your phone or laptop.

For those who currently own, or are considering purchasing a portable generator, be aware that although portable generators can be extremely helpful during a power outage, there are several safety measures spilled on hot engine to be addressed when using a portable genera-

Carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning is a colorless, odorless toxic gas that can be a real concern when improperly running a portable genera-

According to the National Institutes of Health, CO exposure can cause death in as little as five minutes, and this danger can be apparent when a running portable generator is not properly ventilated.

Never use a generator indoors or in enclosed spaces such as a garage, shed, crawlspace or basement. This applies even if windows and doors are left open, as CO can still build up in enclosed spa-

Make sure your generator has a three to four foot clearance on all sides to assure adequate ventilation.

generators Portable should be kept 20 feet away from your house, avoiding placement near doors, windows and vents of your home. Always direct the exhaust from the generator away from your

When purchasing a portable generator, look for one with an integrated CO safety shut off to help avoid CO build up and potential poisoning.

According to OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) there are also several safety precautions you should take to avoid a fire hazard. Be aware that genera-

tors become hot when running and remain hot for a period of time after running. Generator fuels such as gasoline or kerosene can ignite when parts, so before refueling, shut down the generator and allow it to

When keeping extra fuel on hand for your generator, store fuel in fuel-approved containers in a cool, ventilated area. Do not store inside your home or near any potential source of heat or flames.

Keep in mind the electricity created by a portable generator not only has the same hazards as normal utility supplied electricity, but it also has additional hazards because a generator often bypasses safety devices (such as circuit breakers) that are built into an electrical system.

Plugging electrical appliances directly into the generator using the manufactured supplied cord is preferred, however, you will most likely need the aid of an extension cord.

When using extension cords, always use appropriately rated, three pronged, outdoor extension cords.

The three pronged cord plugs with built-in GFCI protection are critical to protect against shock if water collects in or near the equipment. Inspect cords regularly

for any cuts, damage or fraying, replacing damaged cords as needed.

To avoid the use of extension cords, you may want to consider having a transfer switch professionally installed. This will allow your generator to be connected to your circuit panel to power hardwired appliances, and can also help avoid overload issues, as an overloaded generator can overheat and cause

Never try to connect

your generator directly to your home without the experience of a qualified electrician. Improper installation can cause backfeeding, which can present electrocution risk to you as well as utility workers and neighbors served on the same

transformer. Backfeeding can also damage or start a fire in your electronic devices and appliances.

Another important safety check is to make sure your generator is properly grounded and the grounding connections are tight. Consult your manufacturer's instructions for proper grounding methods.

The chances are you will most likely need the aid of a generator during inclement weather, however, never run your portable generator in the direct flow of rain or while the unit is partially submerged in water.

Canopies or tents specifically made for generators to shield rain while allowing proper ventilation can be purchased online or at home improvement and hardware stores. Most are reasonably priced, and are definitely a smart investment for those wanting to run a generator during a storm.

If your portable generator is left out in the rain or in a puddle, make sure all equipment is thoroughly dried and inspected before using.

As with all power engine equipment, keep children and pets safely away from your running portable generator.

For more resources for information on generator safety and carbon monoxide safety visit www. fema.gov/fact-sheet/usegenerators-safely-home.

Demarco named to President's List at WNE

SPRINGFIELD

Western New England University (WNE) is proud to announce that Mia Demarco of Wilmington has been named to the President's List for the Fall Semester 2023. Demarco is one of over 500 students to achieve this mark of academic excellence. Students are named to the President's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

Demarco is majoring in Biomedical Engineer-

A WNE education provides career-span agility through a curriculum grounded in professional/experiential studies, enhanced by the liberal arts, and enriched by mentored research that equips graduates to adapt and succeed in the workplace of the future. Western New England University (WNE) is a private, nationally ranked, comprehensive institution with a focus on preparing work-ready and world-ready graduates. Founded in 1919 in Springfield, Massachusetts as a division of Northeastern College, WNE's 215-acre suburban campus serves more than 3,700 students, including over 2,500 fulltime undergraduates. More than 47,000 alum-

ni have earned degrees through its 90+ undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs at Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and School of Law. Students come from 39 U.S. states and territories and 23 countries.

Of 45,104 living alumni, 30% remain within the region, residing in the four Western Massachusetts counties and northern Connecticut.

WNE is classified among nationally ranked universities in US News and World Report, and among the Top 100 Undergraduate Engineering programs, and in the Doctoral/Professional Universities category in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

Dalton named to Dean's List at WNE

SPRINGFIELD Western New England University (WNE) is proud to announce that Jonathan Dalton of Wilmington has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester. Dalton is one of over 700 students to achieve this mark of academic excellence. Students are named to the Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

Dalton is majoring in Industrial Engineering. A WNE education pro-

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Mitchell named to Dean's List at University of Tampa

TAMPA, FL — Emily Mitchell, of Tewksbury, earned dean's list honors at The University of Tampa for the Fall 2023 semester. Mitchell is a sophomore majoring in

Entrepreneurship BS. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean's list.

The University of Tampa is a private, compre-

hensive university located on 110 acres on the riverfront in downtown Tampa. Known for academic excellence, personal attention and real-world experience in its under-

graduate and graduate programs, the University has about 200 programs of study and serves more than 11,000 students from 50 states and most of the world's countries.

Cole ready to move on from comic book collection

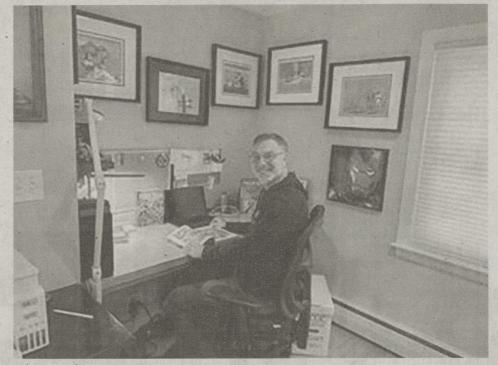
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When their three children had finished college and tuition was in their rear-view mirror, Cole decided to take a more strategic approach to collecting as an investment. Over the years, he built up a collection that has Vincent Zurzolo, president of ComicConnect, very excit-

"This collection encompasses incredibly rare Golden Age titles, runs of classic pre-Code horror titles and nearly every early Marvel key issue," Zurzolo says. "The CGC Registry lists over 7,000 collections, and the PACole Collection is ranked #90."

Marvel superheroes are well represented, with first appearances of Spider-Man, Fantastic Four, Incredible Hulk and X-Men. There's a rare run of early issues of Detective Comics (DC) featuring some of Batman's early adventures, along with some from the late-'30s, pre-Batman.

"These rarely come up



for sale," Zurzolo said.

Other classic Golden Age titles include so-called "good girl"-style comics, featuring scantily clad young superheroines in provocative situations one reason people began fretting about the negative impact of comics on impressionable children and the Comics Code Authority came into existence in 1954. The Cole collection features a complete run of one such superheroine, Phantom Lady.

Cole considers his copy of Amazing Fantasy #15, the first appearance of Spider-Man, one of the gems of his collection.

"They are not necessarily rare, but everyone wants one," he said.

Also part of his collection: Mad #1-#10, from before it became Mad Magazine. But he's particularly proud of his collection of EC (Entertainment Comics), which "I looked longingly at as a

In the 1950s, EC began publishing horror, science fiction, military fiction and satire under the leadership of William Gaines, later of Mad Magazine fame.

"Gaines kept back 12 of every book EC published between 1950 and 1955 in mint condition, and he sold them off in the early '90s," Cole noted. "I have 19 Gaines file copies, one autographed by one of the famous artists, Al Feldstein, who died in 2014."

All of which begs the question: Why sell at all, and why now? Short answer: Life.

Cole explains that he and his siblings spent a tough year clearing out his mother's house in Dunkirk, where she lived her whole life, after she died at 92.

"Karen and I pledged that we were not going to make our children do that," he said.

He also stepped away from a demanding career leading software engineering for the defense contractor Raytheon after its merger with United Technologies.

"They wanted me to stay on, but I took early retirement," he said.

Now that he has the time, he wants to make sure there's money to do what he and Karen want to do. Having decided to, as he put it, "rip the Band-Aid off" and sell his entire collection, he reached out to several auction/consignment houses and selected ComicConnect because of its size, customer service and reputation in the industry.

Cole kept just one graded item: Archie #136 (1963), because the cover ties in with his martial arts training. A third-degree black belt in karate, he teaches at the Academy of Traditional Karate in Wilmington.

He admits to feeling a little wistful watching 70 boxes of comic book collecting history loaded into a truck and driven down to New York City.

"But nobody else in my family is a collector," he added. "It was just time."

Rep from MBTA invited to next meeting

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Benevolent Association, Local 1. Patrolmen's Union for the period between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2024.

Requests were also sent in by Jr. WOW Club Co-President Michael Dynan to use the town common for an easter egg hunt on March 30 and Recreation Director Brett Sawin to use the town common and gazebo for the summer concert series on July 10, July 17, July 24, and July 31. Both were approved.

Under new business, Select Board Member Frank West asked about the possibility to gather a list of their previous meeting minutes still being worked on and a date when they may be provided to the

board. Chair Gary DePalma said he would discuss this request with Cimaglia and get back to them.

DePalma also shared with the board that he'd like to invite a representative from the MBTA to a future meeting for an update on the North Wilmington train platform. He commented that nothing had been done on the platform yet, and he wanted to find out what was

West also mentioned that he'd reached out to the MBTA Advisory Committee Chair for the same thing but hadn't heard

Kevin Caira wondered if the town's legislative delegation could provide information in this regard, reminding them that Senator Bruce Tarr was the one who procured a \$1 million grant for the building of the new platform.

The Salute to Service that night went out to Robert Ciaccio for his service in the US Marine Corps where he earned the Global War on Terrorism medal, the Marksmanship Pistol Qualification Badge, and other recognitions. Greg Bendel also added that Ciaccio now served as a member of the town's Public Buildings Department.

DePalma reminded residents that the following day there would be no school, no trash collection, and that the town hall would be closed due to expected snow.

The board will next meet on Monday, Feb. 26.

Five students named to Dean's List at Roger Williams University

BRISTOL, RI - Selectstudents have been named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

WILMINGTON

- Ida Bishop
- Zoe Derose Madison Kelsev
- Kiara Nadeau

• Aedan Vitale

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Com. looking for 'right person' for job

MANAGER FROM PAGE 1

Screening committee member and town finance director/town accountant Bryan Perry departed the employ of the town earlier in the month. Perry had been considered early on as a possi-

im town manager position. At this point in the process, Perry's departure would impact the procedural work of the committee.

The search process, which began in the fall, is

ble candidate for the inter- expected to progress to selection, reference check, offer and installation of a Peterson did not think that new town manager by early spring. Peterson said the committee did not want to rush the process and. wants to find the "right person" for the job.

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Wilmington High School students of the month for January

Wilmington High School Principal Ryan Gendron announces the Students of the Month for January. Collaborators at WHS assume responsibility to work productively as part of a team to promote learning and achieve common goals while valuing multiple perspectives. The students recognized are Daniel McElligott, Christina Chesbrough, Julee Sutton, Abigail Howie, Alivia Graziano, Colin Dwyer, Sophia LaVita, Annabelle Lozzi, Vincent Vindice, Amanda Moody, Margaret Carroll, Will Restuccia, and Matthew Mahoney. (Courtesy photo)

Eight area residents named to Dean's List at University of New England

BIDDEFORD PORTLAND, MAINE | TANGIER, MOROCCO The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the 2023 fall semester at the University of New England. Dean's List students have attained a grade

point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the sem-

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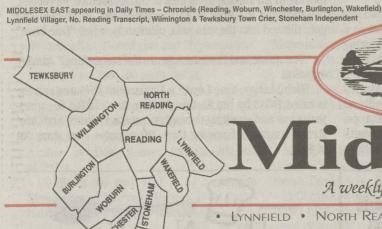
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ABOVE: SOME OF THE BANNED POLYSTYRENE PRODUCTS

By PATRICK BLAIS

The Town of Reading will lead the way later this month in becoming the first community in the Middlesex East's coverage area to forbid restauranteurs, caterers, and non-profit entities from packaging up food and takeout orders in styrofoam and other light plastic containers.

Last week, Reading Director of Operations Jayne Wellman in a prepared statement revealed that Reading's health department will officially begin enforcing a new polystyrene ban on Feb. 22. Over the

coming weeks, municipal leaders hope to spread the word about the specifics around the bylaw to ensure all small business owners are educated about the rules.

"The ban on disposable polystyrene food service items affects a variety of different businesses and organizations in town that provide food," Wellman advised the general public. "The bylaw applies to disposable food service items for dining, takeout, or delivery

· Restaurants, mobile food vendors, and

• Public and private schools;

• Farmers markets:

• Civic or religious centers or facilities; · Any building owned by the Town of

• [and] any establishment with a permit to operate under the State Food Code."

According to the Massachusetts' Sierra Club, Reading is one of 61 communities across the state to have enacted either a full or partial ban on the use of polystyrene products. Though styrofoam can technically be recycled, doing so is considered cost-prohibitive - especially since the plastics are commonly mixed with food waste.

Nearby municipalities that have previously passed such measures include Melrose and Andover. State legislators in Maine, New York and Vermont have similarly enacted statewide bans on styrofoam products, which besides not being biodegradable, commonly break down into smaller fragments and toxic micro-plastics that can persist in the environment for just about forever. Critics of polystyrene plas-

tics also say such products, after fragmenting, regularly poison or block the digestive systems of birds and other wildlife that mistake those pieces of trash for food.

The environmental harms caused by polystyrene waste, includes the traditional foam and its rigid "Plastic Number 6" counterpart, was listed by ban supporters in Reading as one of the primary reasons for the use prohibitions. Reading's Climate Advisory Committee, which brought the proposed bylaw before Town Meeting back in November of 2022, also cited various scientific studies which suggested the plastic can release toxic chemicals after coming into contact with heat or fatty acids.

"There are a bunch of plastics used in food establishments, but polystyrene is the problem," Climate Advisory Committee Chair David Seek stated during the 2022 debate over the Town Meeting measure. "So what's the problem with polystyrene? Well

• BAN TO B-2

Kevieus & Box Office News ovie Review: 'Bob Marley: One Love', noble but uninspiring

By JAKE COYLE **AP Film Writer**

Bob Marley was born in 1945, the son of an 18-yearold mother and a much older white man who had nothing to do with his son. As a boy raised in poverty, he often slept on the cold ground. Five years after moving to Kingston's Trench Town, he made his first record, at 17. Not 20 years later, he was dead.

By then, Marley had become the face of not just reggae, Rastafarianism and Jamaica, but of revolution,

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KINGSLEY BEN-ADIR AS "BOB MARLEY:

resistance and peace. He left behind a body of work that has only grown more monumental with time. "Redemp-

tion Song." "No Woman No Cry." "War." "Trench Town Rock." "Get Up Stand Up." "Lively Up Yourself." "One Love People Get Ready." The Beatles could argue they were bigger than Jesus but no one thought — like some did Marley - that they were actually the Second Coming.

So, yeah, it's a lot for a movie - any movie. "Bob Marley: One Love," directed by Reinaldo Marcus Green, is a noble but uninspired at-







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the essence of Marley. Its lived-in textures and attention to Marley's political consciousness, just by themselves, are enough to make "One Love" something more substantial than many recent, glossier music biopics.

But the power and complexity of Marley is still out of reach for "One Love," which takes a typical biopic framework in plotting itself around the run-up to an important concert with flashbacks mixed in. When footage of the real Marley inevitably plays over the credits, it's a painful comparison to the ruminative but inert movie that played before it.

The first thing you notice about the performance by Ben Kingsley-Adir, the talented British actor of "One Night in Miami..." and "Barbie," is that he's got the voice. His Marley has the growl and lilt of the singer's resonant Jamaican accent. But what the performance is missing — an absence so clear when the real Marley turns up — is the physical dynamism and charismatic velocity of Marley.

The performance that bookends the film is the One Love Peace Concert, which was put on in Jamaica in 1978 as a way to heal the divided, violent country. Marley, during "Jammin'," brought the rival party leaders Edward Seaga and Michael Manley on stage.

The turmoil in Jamaica weighs heavily on Marley throughout film; images of fields aflame run repeatedly as a reflection of his memories. Though largely set in Europe, the real through line of the film is Marley as consumed with the plight of his countrymen, and others in similar situations

around the world. When white executives push back against touring in Africa due to its lack of infrastructure, he replies, "So we build it." How all of this percolates in Marley and gets filtered into the music is, ultimately, what "One Love"

"The music and the message are the same thing," Marley explains.

"Bob Marley: One Love," a Paramount Pictures release is rated PG13 by the Motion Picture Association for marijuana use and smoking throughout, some violence and brief strong language. Running time: 107 minutes. Two stars out



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Reading Municipal Light Department

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IFB 2024-03

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Please contact Maureen Sullivan, Assistant Materials Manager, at msullivan@rmld.com to receive a copy of the Invitation for Bids ("IFB") package, IFB 2024-03, and non-disclosure agreement ("NDA"). An NDA must be executed to receive the confidential IFB document.

An optional pre-bid meeting to review the IFB documents and answer questions will be held at RMLD's office on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Participation is optional but prospective bidders are encouraged to attend. An NDA must be executed to attend.

Sealed bids shall be submitted on prescribed forms furnished by RMLD in the bid package. The envelope shall be marked "Video Surveillance and Access Control System Project" and the bid shall be mailed or delivered to RMLD, 230 Ash Street, Reading, MA 01867, ATTN: Purchasing Department, no later than 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Bids will then be opened publicly in the RMLD Spurr/AV Room.

Because the Project involves some construction work on a public building, each Bidder must be certified by the Department of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance ("DCAMM") for the category of work and dollar amount of this project. Bidders must submit with its bid, a DCAMM Certification and Update Statement indicating additional work or contracts performed or executed after the certifi-

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The successful General Bidder shall be required to furnish a performance bond and payment bond with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, each in the amount equal to 100% of the total amount of the contract price, for the faithful performance of the contract and the payment of labor and materials.

All bids for this Project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to G.L. c.149, §§44A-44H, as amended.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of G.L. c. 149, §§ 26-27D, inclusive.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 90 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the general bids.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by RMLD to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

RMLD reserves the right to waive minor informalities, reject any and all bids, and take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the RMLD to the extent permitted by applicable law.

No award shall be final until RMLD executes an agreement signed by a duly authorized representative.

RMLD



Reading Municipal Light Department

LEGAL NOTICE

IFB 2024-02

The Reading Municipal Light Department ("RMLD") seeks sealed bids for the renovation of its administrative offices located at 230 Ash Street, Reading, MA. The work involves Office Renovations including supporting work of other Trades and related work as set forth in the specifications ("Project").

Please contact Paula O'Leary, Materials Manager, at poleary@rmld.com to receive a copy of the Invitation for Bids ("IFB") package, IFB 2024-02

An Optional pre-bid conference and inspection will be held at RMLD's office on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Prospective bidders are encouraged to attend.

Sealed bids shall be submitted on prescribed forms furnished by RMLD in the bid package. The envelope shall be marked "Office Renovation Project," and the bid shall be mailed or delivered to RMLD at its office at 230 Ash Street, Reading, MA 01867, ATTN: Purchasing Department, by the applicable deadline stated below.

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Sealed bids for the General Contract will be received until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at which time

Sealed Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed herein will be received by RMLD until 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at which time sub-bids will be publicly opened

Filed Sub-Bids are required for the following trades: **HVAC (Mechanical) and Electrical**

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Each General Bid and Sub-Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND, CASH, or, CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price. Bid deposits, except those of the three lowest responsible, and eligible General Bidders and the three lowest, responsible, and eligible Sub-bidders for each trade, will be returned within five (5) days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of General Bids.

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The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the general bids.

Selection of the General Contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by RMLD to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

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first, it's based off of [the chemical] styrene, which is a neu-

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bles so easily. Polystyrene is also not biodegradable," Zeek added. "It's also almost never recycled due to its low value." Reading has waited for almost a year to begin enforcing

the new bylaw so that local food establishments had time to exhaust their current styrofoam product inventory and negotiate with vendors for a new compliant supply of takeout containers.

The new bylaw will be enforced by Reading's health director and will not apply to purchases made by town residents for use in their private domiciles. Likewise, the ban does not apply to food items that are prepackaged outside of Reading proper for sale in grocery stores and other retail establishments.

"The bylaw does not apply to private use of disposable polystyrene food service items. There is no restriction on the sale of these items to individuals," assured Wellman and local health department staffers in last week's public advi-

Town officials say initial enforcement activity around the polystyrene ban will be somewhat lax, as the health department first wants to spread public awareness about the

Per the town regulations, first time offenders will be issued a warning for first-time offenses, while the health director will retain the right to issue fines of \$50 for second offenses. Third-time and subsequent violations can carry a fine of up to \$200.

According to the Town of Reading's website, Reading's health director can also grant local businesses hardship waivers of up to six-months should a local merchant or nonprofit organization be able to demonstrate that compliance with the regulations would create a severe economic hard-

"The Town of Reading will work with affected establishments for a smooth transition through the dissemination of educational materials which highlight best practices and suggestions for compliance under this new bylaw," Wellman stated last week.

While the partial polystyrene ban passed by an overwhelming 126-to-8 Town Meeting majority, advocacy groups like the Reading Chamber of Commerce convinced town officials to delay implementation of the new bylaw for at least

At the time, Chamber officials, joined by Reading Select Board members Chris Haley and Carlo Bacci, pointed out that a number of small businesses were still recovering from the financial pressures brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic and the state's emergency responses to the public health crisis.

According to Bacci, a one-time restaurant owner whose family operates a chocolate manufacturing plant in Swampscott, the delayed implementation would also give restaurant owners time to find complaint takeout containers, coffee cups, and disposal utensils.

"We're dealing with a supply chain nightmare with no end in sight. Costs continue to rise on a yearly, monthly and daily basis. Items are out of stock. Items are back-ordered. Items are being discontinued," Bacci argued during the Town Meeting debate over the bylaw.

• Real Estate Transfers •

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26 Lantern Ln was sold to Marrama, Amber by Dee, James for \$314,053 on 01/22/24

12 Olean Rd was sold to 57 Lexington Street Rt and Murray, Richard P by Callahan, Arthur for \$575,000 on 01/24/24

LYNNFIELD

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NORTH READING

25-A Burroughs Rd was sold to Elia, Ricardo J by Ranieri, Jeanne R for \$375,000 on 01/22/24

260 Martins Lndg #7205 was sold to Borges, Isabel C by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$239,700 on 01/25/24

31 Redmond Ave was sold to Chito, Christopher M and Chito, Ronald A by Chito, Christopher M and Zanetas, Alexandra for \$172,217 on 01/22/24

READING

248 Franklin St was sold to Lanzilli, Nicholas by Driscoll, Michael J and Driscoll, Lucy A for \$760,000 on 01/26/24

274 Main St was sold to 274 Main Office LLC by Reading Investments LLC for \$4,050,000 on 01/22/24

TEWKSBURY

43 Brookfield Rd was sold to Dimare, Ryan and Dimare, Kate by D&s Kunze Rt and Kunze, Douglas W for \$635,000 on 01/22/24

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190 Patrick Rd #190 was sold to Hickey, David G and Hickey, Chelsea J by Macleannan, Douglas S for \$473,000 on 01/24/24

55 Quail Run #55 was sold to Russell, Frederick W and Russell, Lisa by Ahern, Ellen

M for \$428,000 on 01/22/24

35 Riverdale Ave was sold to Connell, Megan D and Faria, Kevin M by Garvey, Jeff for \$640,500 on 01/26/24

31 Ronald Dr was sold to Garvey, Jeff and Bartoloni, Kate by Fortunata, Felix A for \$715,000 on 01/26/24

WAKEFIELD

248 Albion St #243 was sold to James Ernstmeyer T and Ernstmeyer, James by Raymond, David A for \$725,000 on 01/26/24

12 Charles St was sold to Pinecrest Realty Vent LLC by Ducey Carl J Sr Est and Rockwood, Elaine M for \$610,000 on 01/26/24

70 Kendrick Rd was sold to Sullo, David A by Sullo, Cheryl I for \$333,333 on 01/26/24 14 Paon Blvd was sold to Russo, Samantha J and Duffney, Luke A by Burditt, Kim for \$820,000 on 01/25/24

WILMINGTON

31 Atlantic Ave was sold to Ashour, Andre E and Alexander, Serena E by Dsm Mangano Hm Bldrs LLC for \$1,275,000 on 01/24/24

33 Everett Ave was sold to Scullari, Mark by Scullari Joseph Est and Mahoney, Mary for \$550,000 on 01/22/24

314 Main St #208 was sold to Eaton, Colton J and Romano, Arielle D by Pckc Rt and Fulmer, David T for \$90,000 on 01/23/24

4 New Hampshire Rd was sold to Giso, Michael J and Giso, Catherine E by Rideout, Marie for \$840,000 on 01/25/24

3 Reed St was sold to Dee, James M by Kuhn, Michael E for \$499,900 on 01/25/24

20 Shawsheen Ave was sold to Dimambro, Enrico by Haimoff, Leeron L and Russell, Nina K for \$670,000 on 01/26/24

5 Winston Ave was sold to Shui, Jeremy E by Spinazola, Sandra K for \$543,000 on 01/23/24

WOBURN

30 Bird St was sold to Northcreek Corp by Crowley, Megan for \$525,000 on 01/26/24

17 Buckman St was sold to Cheng, Jonathan and 17 Buckman Street LLC for \$619,000 on 01/22/24

10 Campbell St was sold to 10 Campbell Street Rt and Klein, Robert J by Hughes Ft and Hughes, Timothy A for \$875,000 on 01/25/24

3 Cooley Dr #26 was sold to Fung, Tsz K and Sung, Deborah by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$993,755 on 01/24/24

11 Morgan Way #1 was sold to Travaline, Jeffrey and Travaline, Patricia by West Woburn Dev Corp for \$853,476 on 01/26/24

Letter to the Editor

Thank you from The Salvation Army

Dear Editor,

It is with the most heartfelt gratitude that The Salvation Army of Massachusetts thanks all those who contributed to the 2023 Red Kettle Campaign. Throughout the holidays your donations, regardless of size, contributed to aiding so many families throughout Massachusetts. The Salvation Army of Massachusetts raised more than \$2 million to help families and those in need with food, clothing, housing assistance and more this holiday season.

That speaks volumes about the extraordinary generosity of spirit found across the Commonwealth, which has made so many lives a little bit easier.

However, many families are still struggling and unable to meet the most basic needs. Inflation, housing costs, and day-to-day challenges continue to take their toll. Salvation Army programming, funded by generous donations, provides rent and utility assistance, food, and creates pathways

out of poverty.

The Salvation Army of Massachusetts is committed to meeting those needs in 2024. Each of the 29 Corps Community Centers and more than 220 Service Extension Units across the state strive to aid as many people as possible, and they need your continued support to do so. With the generosity of your donations, 2024 could be The Salvation Army's best year ever.

We look forward to continuing to do the most good. Most importantly, we hope you all stay safe, happy and healthy this year.

To learn more about Salvation Army programming or to donate, please visit: www.salvationarmyma.org/give.

Sincerely, Major Elijah Kahn General Secretary The Salvation Army Massachusetts Division



Offer Ends Feb. 20th

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Tewksbury Police Log

Male reportedly attempted to flood hotel room

Monday, February 5

9:48 a.m. - A woman was physically assaulted (scratched/hair pulled) and threatened by an individual at Merrimack Center Program and State Hospital at 8:55 this morning. Police sent. They requested an ambulance for injuries that past assault. Officer filed a report.

10:56 a.m. - Caller stated his neighbor across the street called him and stated there was an unknown SUV in his driveway at Foster Road. Caller was in Florida and had no information about the SUV. Party looked like a Massachusetts plate and backed up against the garage. Police sent. It was just pest control and he would have them contact the home owner.

11:18 a.m. - Police out with Water Treatment Plant vehicle parked suspicious near the river. She was able to make contact with the operator and the police advised her to park

in the circle, not near the river.

2:26 p.m. - A 911 caller stated a worker at Gateway Car Wash sprayed him with the hose. Worker was Hispanic male with a Gateway Car Wash t-shirt. Caller was in a black Volvo with hazards on. Police sent and officer filed a report

6:10 p.m. - Call from the property manager looking to report a possible attempted break in of Archstone Avenue unit. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

Tuesday, February 6

12:41 p.m. - Front desk reported an unwanted party that was reusing to check out at Motel 6. Police sent. Party left prior to arrival without incident.

1:02 p.m. - Police reported threat made to clerk at Motel 6. Party had left the area prior to arrival, but has property there so they

would call back if he returned. Officer filed a report.

5:07 p.m. - Caller reported a blue sports car going about 70 miles per hour down the street at Windham Road. Police sent. They reported gone on arrival.

Wednesday, February 7

1:21 a.m. - Police out with a male party on a bicycle at Brother's Pizza. Male party was just leaving the hospital and enroute to the police station to retrieve some belongings.

4:39 a.m. - Off site monitor company reported a black sedan parked next to the store room, the lot was closed, asked for an officer to check up on at Autofair Toyota of Tewksbury. Police were actively there. Police sent. Both units cleared. It was the manager of the store and his Uber driver.

6:15 p.m. - Caller report-

and operating an unregis-

tered motor vehicle. This

followed a stop of his red

2013 Chevy Silverado on

1:18 p.m.: Genilda G

Braga of 57 Estes St., in

Everett, was issued a

summons for operating a

motor vehicle with a sus-

pended license. This fol-

lowed a stop of her black

2022 Honda Accord on

2:33 p.m.: A white 2023

Mitsubishi Outlander and

a black 2003 Mercury Ma-

rauder were involved in a

minor hit and run on

Main Street. The caller

initially followed the other

vehicle on Main Street,

but eventually lost track

of it. Another call from

the caller saw the other

vehicle turn around and

head back to the scene of

Main Street.

Lowell Street.

ed someone taking pictures of his property earlier today at Ronald Drive. Police sent. They spoke with calling party and would be following up with other involved party.

9:19 p.m. - Police sent at Motel 6 to serve a warrant. Gabriel George, 32 of 499 W Meadow Road at Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for malicious damage of motor vehicle with threats to commit a crime.

Thursday, February 8

1:54 p.m. - Police reported gate was unsecured at Finland Property. All units cleared. Nothing was found.

2:04 p.m. - Caller reported in between Walgreens and Hobarts, she found a needle. She reportedly moved an orange construction barrel to be near the needle. Caller was unable to describe what side of Route 38 was on. Police sent. They found the item and brought it to the South Station.

3:46 p.m. - Caller reported two suspicious males were walking in the area at Trull Road and River Road, but separated. She stated one male seemed to be going into yards and asking people for a cell phone. Male was still in the area wearing gray sweatpants, black Under Armor long sleeved shirt with brown hair. Police sent. Male was looking for his phone and was staying with friends.

11:18 p.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a customer attempting to purchased cigarettes at Cumberland Farms. Police sent and filed a report.

11:38 p.m. - Caller reported a loud vehicle drove by very slowly and then sped off at Lake Street. Caller declined to speak with an officer but would like extra checks of the area.

Friday, February 9

3:28 a.m. - Caller reported there was two guys arguing and hitting each other at East Street with no weapons. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

8:07 a.m. - Male party damaged everything in the room and was starting to flood it at Extended Stay America. Police sent. Male party left the scene in a burgundy colored Honda with New York plates. Police filed a report.

4:42 p.m. - Caller reported he had an argument on job site with employee over payment at North Street. Employee threatened him and was following him in his vehicle. Caller advised to drive directly to police station. Police sent. All parties spoken to.

7:56 p.m. - Caller reported he was unloading his car at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store and thought he heard several gunshots from the area. Police sent. She spoke to Circle K employee who did not hear anything. Nothing suspicious in the area.

Saturday, February 10

11:43 a.m. - A 911 caller reported she was involved in a road rage incident at East Street. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

Sunday, February 11

12:03 a.m. - Owner of TJ Callahan's Pub reported there was a white male intoxicated that was refusing to get an Uber and stated that he was OK. The male was wearing a blue hat, black t-shirt, and jeans. Male was in the foyer. Police sent. Male party took an Uber home.



Wilmington Police Log

Local resident arrested on fourth OUI charge

Friday, Feb. 2:

12:48 p.m.: A caller at the Citgo Gas Station on Middlesex Avenue reported a man crossing the road spit on his car. During the call, the man came out of the Citgo and began yelling at the caller. The caller was advised to park across the street at the Shell gas station until police arrived, at which point they were able to restore peace.

2:18 p.m.: Two callers on Middlesex Avenue reported a woman to be in the middle of the roadway, appearing to be in distress. Police spoke to the woman, who declined assistance, but walked home after being advised to do so by the police.

Saturday, Feb. 3:

7:31 a.m.: Two cars were involved in a motor vehicle accident under the 129 overpass on the I-93 SB Hwy. Injuries were reported, and the state police ultimately ended up handling the accident.

11:53 a.m.: Christopher A Estevez of 1042 Main St., Apt. #2331, in Woburn, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and speeding in violation of special regulations. This followed a stop of his

black 2015 Acura TLX on Main Street.

1:12 p.m.: A caller at the Gym Street USA on Jewel Drive reported a scooter or moped parked behind a tree, and they saw what appeared to be five kids on bicycles attempting to take something off of it before leaving down Main Street. Police checked the moped, and it appeared to have been there for a while and abandoned.

Sunday, Feb. 4:

1:17 a.m.: A caller on Main Street reported his wife hearing something in the backyard that possibly sounded like someone yelling for help. The wife also saw lights on in the area. No one in distress was found, however, and the noise was believed to be from an animal.

5:29 p.m.: A caller at the Market Basket on Main Street reported witnessing a hit and run. The involved parties were sent on their way, but police were unable to find any surveillance camera footage from Market Basket.

Monday, Feb. 5:

9:33 a.m.: Luke McGinley of 40 South Ave., in Burlington, was issued a summons for operating an uninsured motor vehicle the accident.

Tuesday, Feb. 6:

1 p.m.: A manager of a store on Lowell Street reported beer kegs being taken from the property.

2:31 p.m.: Richard F Dellano of 8 Stonehedge Dr., in Wilmington, was arrested for a 4th or greater offense of OUI-Liquor over .08%, leaving the scene of property damage, a marked lanes violation, and possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle. This followed multiple callers around Burlington Avenue reporting a blue 2014 Ford F150 striking a pole, then pulling away from the scene and to 8 Stonehedge

4:48 p.m.: A blue 2010 Ford Escape and a gray 2010 Acura TSX were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Fordham Road. No injuries were reported, and police assisted with paperwork exchange.

Wednesday, Feb. 7:

12:01 p.m.: Angel Diaz

Pliego of 764 Broadway, in Chelsea, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle after his license was revoked as a habitual traffic offender. This followed a caller on Hopkins Street reporting that his son called him after a man came to the door and stated he needed to access the attic, and after the door was locked, the man still tried to open it. When police arrived, it was discovered that the man worked for Service Master and was at the wrong house, but also that his license had been re-

3:01 p.m.: Thomas Edward McHugh of 59 Church St., in Wilmington, was issued a summons for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, a number plate violation to conceal ID, and speeding. This followed a stop of his black 1965 Roadster on Adams Street.

7:52 p.m.: A pickup truck pulled up to machinery at a construction site on Boutwell Street. The person responsible for the site stated that nobody should be at the site. The person

responsible for the property said that the man in the pickup truck was there to cut up a beam.

Thursday, Feb. 8:

7:02 a.m.: A caller at Cummings Properties on Fordham Road reported a man wearing a "sailor type" hat was looking into several vehicles in the parking lot, and remained even after employees advised him to leave. After a Spanish speaking officer from Andover arrived, it was discovered that the man had two forms of identification for a woman from New Bedford, and that he found them. Police also took possession of an expired drivers license and expired credit card from him to be destroyed later.

10:22 a.m.: Francisco Vladimir Ramos Hernandez of 13 Eastern Ave., in Revere, was issued a summons for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked license. This followed a stop of his gray 2010 Honda Accord on Salem Street.

TPD welcomes new co-response clinician Amanda Grant to Tewksbury

TEWKSBURY — Chief Ryan Columbus is pleased to announce that the Tewksbury Police Department is welcoming a new co-response mental health clinician to the Behavioral Health Unit Police Collaborative. Amanda Grant grew up

in West Roxbury. She has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from UMass Boston and a Master's degree in Psychology from William James College. Grant succeeds a co-response clinician who recently left the unit.

Grant will respond alongside Tewksbury police to mental health emergencies and crises as part of the Behavioral Health Unit Police Collaborative, and will work with individuals after crises to ensure they have access to appropriate services.

"I have family members in the policing profession, so the opportunity to collaborate with dedicated and hard-working law enforcement professionals is a privilege which I am very excited about," Grant said.

The collaborative, funded by a grant from the Department of Mental Health, provides member departments with access to a co-response clinician who can respond to active calls for service, follow up with individuals post-crisis, and make referrals to community-based services.

Fully embedded into each department, the program provides a trauma-informed, highly trained co-response clinician for individuals experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis. Grant will work primarily with Tewksbury Police.

Since 2016, the Biller-

ica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Tewksbury, and Tyngsborough Police Departments have worked to create a regional mental health collaborative aimed at diverting individuals with mental health and substance misuse disorders from being unnecessarily processed through the criminal justice system or through already overcrowded emergency rooms.

In addition to on-scene



responses, clinicians are:
• Accessible to police 24/7 for mental health consultation

• Available to community members for followup with police

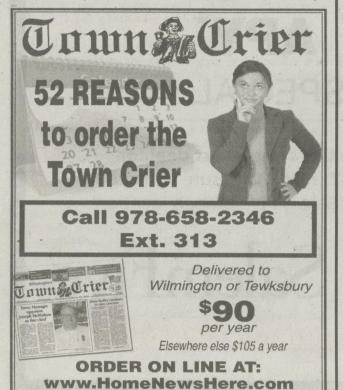
 Available for followup with individuals postcrisis

• Able to make referrals for community-based services, such as for non-

acute levels of care and case management
Supporting community

initiatives for better health, wellness, and mental health

For more information on the Behavioral Health Unit call 978-215-9642 or visit: https://tewksbury-police.com/behavioral-health-unit/.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Track teams solid at league championships

Several Wildcats qualify for postseason meets

By DOUG HASTINGS **Sports Correspondent** dougahastings@gmail.com

The Wilmington boys and girls track teams had an extremely successful night recently at the Middlesex League championship meet with athletes setting many personal bests and there being many state qualifiers.

The boys team finished in ninth place with nine points and had two med-

Sean Patrone finished second in the high jump with a new personal best jump of 6 feet, 1 inch, which tied the school record held by Nate Downs (2011) and Chris Calway

This jump is also a state qualifying perform-

Martin Philiossaint finished eighth in the long jump with a personal best leap of 19 feet, 8.5 inches.

This jump is also a state qualifying perform-

The girls team finished in sixth place with 26 points and had five medalists:

Mollie Osgood finished second in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 1

Addy Hunt finished third in the 1000 meters with a seasonal best and state qualifying time of

Lexi LeBlanc had quite the night as she placed third in the 55-meter dash with a personal best and state qualifying time of 7.51 (she ran a 7.52 in the trials to make it to the finals). She then came back and jumped 15 feet, 6.25 inches to place seventh in the long jump. Then to finish her night she teamed up with Alexis Melvin, Emily Grace and Cate MacDonald to run a seasonal best 1:52.27 to place fifth in the 4 x 200

the Wildcat girls were:

55 hurdles: Mollie Osgood - 14th place - 10.10 Emma Callahan - 25th

place - 11.13 55 dash: Ali Doherty - 12th

place - 7.89 Bella Zaya - 26th place -

6:35.87 (seasonal best) 600 meter run: Maeve White - 21st

place - 1:53.39 1000 meter run:

Charlotte Kiley - 15th place - 3:25.05 (personal best and state qualifier) 300 meter dash:

Alexis Melvin - 15th place - 45.44 Emily Grace - 20th place - 46.99

Two mile: Mia Stryhalaleck - 17th place - 13:37.74 (personal

Cayley Israelson - 19th place - 14:15.12 High jump:

Giselle Olatilu - 12th place - 4 feet, 5 inches Shot put:

Maddie Krueger - 14th place - 26-10.75 Abigail Howie - 19th place - 25-03.25

Long jump: Cate MacDonald - 15th place - 13-7.75

4 x 400 relay:

Isabel Carriere, Celina Vo, Maeve White and Addy Hunt - 9th place - 4:40.73 Other competitors for

the Wildcat boys were: 55 meter hurdles: Sean Patrone - 19th place - 9.01 (personal best)

Hunter Sands - 21st place - 9.01 55 dash:

Martin Philiossaint -19th place - 7.08 (personal best)

Jonathan Foresyth -26th place - 7.37 (personal best) Mile:

Mike Dynan - 20th place - 4:52.72 (personal best and state qualifier) Cooper Holleran - 23rd

Other competitors for place - 4:57.86 (personal best and state qualifier) 600 meter run:

Aidan Burke place - 1:35.42 Dylan Grace - 28th place

- 1:37.07 (personal best) 1000 meter run:

Jameson Burns - 10th place - 2:43.12 (personal best and state qualifier) Nathan Cardin - 21st place - 2:55.73 (personal

300 meter dash:

Ashvin Baker - 9th place - 37.56 (personal best and state qualifier)

Cam Jenks - 19th place - 40.67

Two mile:

Dean Ciampa - 12th place - 10:29.73 (personal best and state qualifier)

David Dynan - 23rd place - 11:12.94 (personal best and state qualifier) High jump:

Hunter Sands - 13th place - 5 feet, 5 inches Shot put:

Gabriel Borges - 21st place - 33-7.5

Long jump: Cam Jenks - 16th place

- 18-2.5 4 x 200 relay:

Martin Hiliossaint, Jonathan Foresyth, Cam Jenks and Marvins Jean - 9th place - 1:39.77 (seasonal

4 x 400 relay: Ashvin Baker, Jameson Burns, Aidan Burke and Dean Ciampa - 10th place - 3:48.86 (seasonal best)

MSTCA Small Schools

Coaches Invitational The WHS girls and boys competed recently at the MSTCA Small Schools Coaches Invitational at

Reggie Lewis. For the boys: 55 meter hurdles:

Hunter Sands - 8.74 -29th place 55 dash: Martin Philiossaint -

7.12 - 62nd place 1000 meters:

Jameson Burns - 2:46.10 - 16th place (personal



▲ Alexis Melvin, Lexi LeBlanc, Emily Grace and Cate MacDonald ran a season-best time of 1:52.27 to place fifth in the 4 x 200 relay at the league meet. (Courtesy photo)

best and state qualifier) 1:40.99 - 23rd place 300 meters:

Ashvin Baker 22nd place (personal best) Two mile:

Dean Ciampa - 11:18.29 -26th place High jump:

Sean Patrone - 5-10 -9th place Hunter Sands - 5-6 -

24th place Long jump:

Aidan Burke - 18-3 - 37th place (seasonal best) Martin Philiossaint -17-11.25 - 41st place

4 x 200 relay: Martin Philiossaint, Jonathan Foresyth, Cam Jenks and Marvins Jean -

4 x 400 relay: Aidan Burke, Ashvin Baker, Dean Ciampa and Dylan Grace - 3:49.36 - 23rd place

4 x 800 relay:

Nathan Cardin, Jameson Burns, Mike Dynan and Cooper Holleran -8:58.38 - 7th place (seasonal best)

For the girls: 55 meter dash:

Alexis LeBlanc - 7.60 -11th place (personal best) Ali Doherty - 7.83 - 39th place (seasonal best)

600 meters: Addy Hunt - 1:46.31 - 16th place (personal best)

300 meters:

Alexis Melvin - 44.80 -34th place (personal best) Cate MacDonald - 45.83 -46th place (personal best) Shot put:

Maddie Kruegger - 27-1- 42nd place

Long jump: Alexis LeBlanc - 13-2.5 -

31st place 4 x 200 relay:

Cate MacDonald, Emily Grace, Ali Doherty and Alexis LeBlanc - 1:52.93 -10th place

4 x 800 relay: Alexis Melvin, Maeve White, Charlotte Kiley and Addy Hunt - 11:10.40 - 10th place (seasonal best).

Cella and Lambert spark wrestlers

Five Wildcats place at Div. 3 North championships

By DOUG HASTINGS **Sports Correspondent** dougahastings@gmail.com

The Wilmington High wrestling team competed at the Div. 3 North championship tournament and five Wildcats placed at the event, leading the team to a ninth-place finish overall.

Two wrestlers, Julien Cella at 150 pounds and Clyde Lambert at heavyweight, finished in second place. Cella won his first two

matches by fall before pinning Mathew Blandon of Weston in the semifinals. Cella, the second seed,

then faced top-seeded Joe Allen of Gloucester and lost by fall in the first period.

Seeded fourth, Lambert won his first match by fall in the opening period before upsetting top-seeded Adam Guzofski of Dan-

Max Thomas of Glouces-

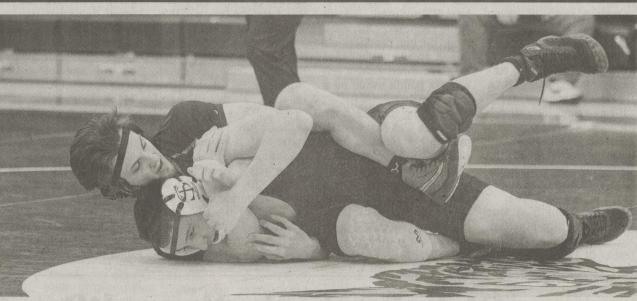
ter then edged Lambert in the finals with a third-period fall.

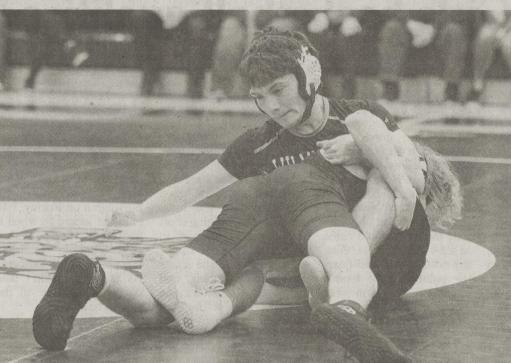
Mohaned Said (190) and Braedon Almas (132) both were fourth for Wilmington while Nick Iascone ended up sixth at 165 pounds.

Said and Almas both went 2-2 on the day with Almas falling twice to Sean Callahan of Tewksbury.

Iascone won his first two matches before falling to the eventual North champion, Tommy Dicker of Watertown, by fall in the sec-

ond period. Also competing for Wilmington at the tournament and winning one match was Theodore Bryson at 144 pounds, Hannah Bryson at 126 pounds, Mason Kwiatkowski at 138, Evan Woltag at 175, Vasili Meimaris at 215 pounds and Joashua Jarbeau at 157 also represented WHS at the



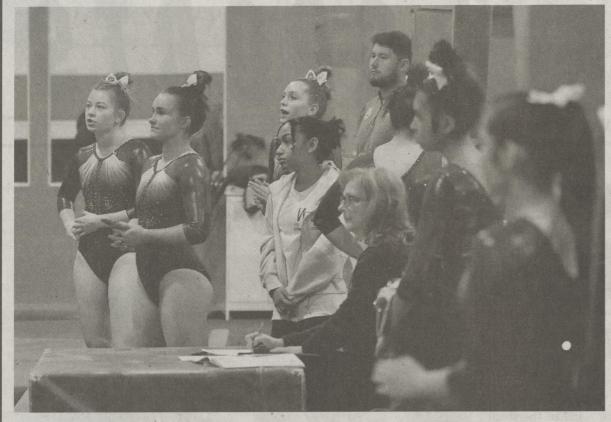


▲ Wilmington's Julien Cella top applies a half nelson to Shawsheen Tech's Dom DiCenzo. Julien Cella won the match by

(Photo by James Thomas Photography)

◄ Wilmington's **Bradon Almas** fights for position after getting locked up by Shawsheen Tech's Hadi Sabi during the 132 lb match. Hadi Sabi won the match 10-3.

(Photo by James Thomas Photography)



Girls defeat Wakefield, Melrose and Winchester in recent action

Gymnasts are finishing



▲ Jordan Haering and the Wilmington/Bedford gymnastics team have had a terrific season. (Joe Brown photo)

STRONG

By DOUG HASTINGS
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On Jan. 22, Wilmington/Bedford defeated Winchester by a score of 140.2 to 133.5.

The Wildcats scored 36.05 points on the balance beam on the way to the victory with three girls scoring better than 9.0.

Lexi Masters had a 9.15, Alli Ganley finished with a 9.1 and Maddy Plurad scored 9.05.

Katie DeSauniers also had a great effort in the event, ending up with an 8.75.

On bars, Wilmington/Bedford scored 34.9 points.

Ganley led the way with a 9.3, Masters had a 9.05, Plurad finished with an 8.5 and DeSauniers scored an 8.05.

The floor exercise was also sparked by Ganley and Masters, who scored 9.1 and 9.0, respectively. Plurad (8.8) and Emma Callahan (7.8) were Wilmington/Bedford's other top performers.

other top performers.
On vault, Masters led the way with a 9.3, Ganley was an 8.9, DeSauniers scored an 8.25 and Jordan Haering

contributed an 8.1.

The Wildcats also beat Wakefield and Melrose in a tri meet.

Wilmington/Bedford scored 137.05 points, better than Melrose's 134.75 and Wakefield's 123.65.

On vault, Wilmington had four girls with 8.0 or better. DeSauniers had an 8.4, Ganley finished with an 8.3, Masters scored 8.1 and Haering ended up with an 8.0.

On bars, Ganley's outstanding 9.55 led the way, Plurad scored 8.5 and Masters had an 8.0. Emma Callahan had a 7.5 in the event.

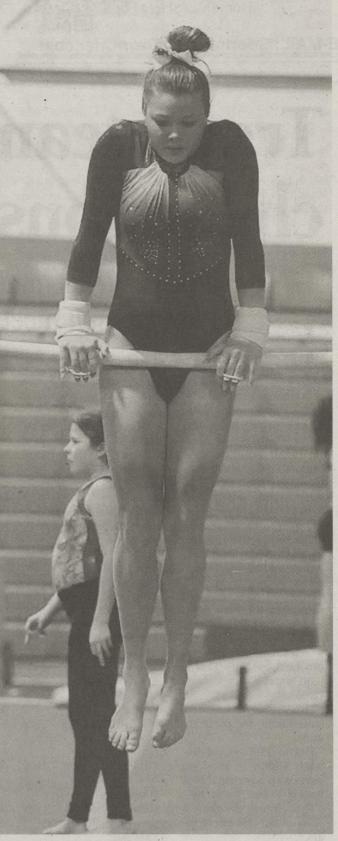
On beam, Ganley had a 9.3, Plurad finished with a 9.2, Masters contributed a 9.15 and DeSauniers ended up with an 8.4.

On the floor, Ganley was once again terrific with a 9.4, Masters had an 8.8 and Plurad scored 8.65.

Ganley had an all-around score of 36.55.

Wilmington-Bedford's only loss in recent action came against Burlington. The Red Devils won a close meet, ■ Wilmington/Bedford supports their teammates during a recent meet.

(Joe Brown photo)



▲ Lexi Masters competes on bars.

(Joe Brown photo)

134.45 to 133.35.

The Wildcats were strong again on the floor, piling up 34.2 points.

Ganley led the way with a 9.05, Masters had an 8.9 and Plurad finished with an 8.75. On beam, Wilmington/Bedford totaled 34.1.

Plurad's 9.15 led the home team, Masters had a 9.0 and Ganley scored 8.25.

On bars, Ganley's 9.2 led

the way, Plurad had an 8.1 and Masters contributed a 7.9.

On vault, the Wildcats again had four girls score better than 8.0.

DeSauniers led the way with an 8.25, Plurad and Masters both had 8.2s and Haering chipped in with an 8.1. Molly Lovell (7.2) and Cha-

Molly Lovell (7.2) and Chanel Krang (7.4) also competed for Wilmington/Bedford.

By DAN ZIMMERMAN Sports Correspondent sports@yourtowncrier.com

In recent weeks, the regular season schedule has been rather unkind to the Stoneham-Wilmington High girls ice hockey team, as the girls suffered consecutive defeats at the hands of three first-rate clubs, including the state's overall best program.

Over a span of seven days, Stoneham-Wilmington fell 3-0 to Belmont, 4-2 to Burlington, and lastly, 5-0 to St. Mary's, which is currently No. 1 in the MIAA D1 Power Rankings.

It was a punishing stretch of hockey but SW finally caught a breather last Saturday evening when the struggling, two-win Wakefield Warriors paid a visit to the Stoneham Arena.

On the strength of four goals from Lily MacKenzie, the team's scoring leader by far with 33-goals

Girls hockey returns to the win column

and 5-assists, Stoneham-Wilmington captured a convincing 5-1 win.

SW improved to 9-8-1 overall and is ranked 18th of 41 teams in the D2 Pow-

er Rankings.

"We certainly want the Power Rankings to be in our favor at this stage of the season," said Stoneham-Wilmington coach John LaPiana. "All week long, during practice, we talked about the fact that we have three games left and six points would go a

long way."

Answering the call early and often was MacKenzie, putting her team in front just 1:25 into the contest.

Skating on the power play, the senior co-captain worked the puck behind the net, wheeled to the front, and beat Wakefield netminder Julia Welch, stick side.

Promising freshman blueliner Emma Ebert provided the assist.

The Warriors refused to go quietly, however. Rory McNeill buried the equalizer, also on the power play, near the end of the first period. McNeill, along with Sarah Aborn, both underclassmen, are highly talented and the future of this

Wakefield program.

"They play better than their record shows," said LaPiana, who defeated Wakefield 6-3 in the first meeting a month ago.

"They have a number of skilled players. If we had come out on an off night, this game could have gone

either way."

Near the conclusion of the first period, MacKenzie restored the SW lead, from Ebert and linemate Paige Fuller. On a classic give-and-go, MacKenzie

drew Welch out of the net and deftly tucked the puck

behind her.

"Lily is a powerful skater and strong with the puck," said LaPiana. "She creates a great deal of her offense curling off the wall and finding lanes. When there is no lane, she has the means to create one for herself. It warms my soul to see her scoring. It makes her happy and in turn, makes the team happy. She's a special hockey player."

MacKenzie made it a natural hat trick with her second period insurance goal, from junior Vivien Savole.

"I have a lot of confidence in my skills but it also helps to have a supportive team behind me," said MacKenzie. "That includes players like Paige Fuller, who has provided

many of the assists for my goals. Our final three are league games, so we defi-

nitely want to win out."
Midway through the third period, Stoneham-Wilmington solidified the lead on a tally from freshman Dani Chillemi, her second of the season. Assisted by none other than MacKenzie, Chillemi was the third in a rapid sequence of shots off rebounds.

The Warriors, with only six shots through the first two periods of hockey, mustered 10 in the third. Stoneham-Wilmington goaltender Maddie Sainato was forced to wake from her slumber and hold the fort against this renewed effort.

"I'm not going to lie but I was getting a little cold early in the game," said the premier senior goalie. "When the puck is in the offensive zone, I stay warm

by doing subtle movements like shifting from side-to-side in the net and trying to do everything I can to stay prepared. We knew this game was very important, especially as the season comes to a close. We want to be on a winning streak heading into the postseason."

With minutes left in the game, MacKenzie put it away with her fourth of the night, from Savole and Fuller.

"I prefer to play teams that we're more suitably matched against," said LaPiana. "If we play well, we can compete and if we don't play well, we get what we deserve. This is the time we need to sharpen our sticks and get ready for the tournament, which is just exceed the same of the

is just around the corner."
Stoneham-Wilmington will travel to face 3-10-1 Melrose in a season rematch on Saturday, February 17 at

Girls basketball qualifies for tourney

WHS tops Melrose and Burlington in recent action

By JASON COOKE Sports Correspondent sports@yourtowncrier.com

This time last year, the Wilmington High School girls basketball team was limping to the finish line amidst a 6-14 season.

While the postseason was once a goal for then first-year coach Chris Frissore, the 'Cats hit a skid down the stretch of the season, landing at No. 38 in the Div. 2 field and out of playoff contention.

A year later, the Wildcats have flipped the script — riding a four-game win

streak to a 10-8 record with two games left on the season slate.

"It's been good" said

"It's been good," said WHS coach Chris Frissore. "It was nice to get the 10th win, and we're officially in the tournament. It was just a good week, we played well."

Eva Boudreau set the tone for what would come in a 2-0 week for the 'Cats, exploding for 16 first-quarter points in the team's dominant 66-47 win over Melrose. Boudreau finished the game with 27 points on 11 for 17 shooting from

the field.
"That is a great basket-

"If you score 27 points on 11 of 17 shooting, that's how you play basketball. Making the right decisions, making the right reads, and because she's making the right decisions when she drives to the hoop where she's dumping it off or kicking it out, later in the game, it opens things up for her, and she starts to be able to attack, and

ball game," said Frissore.

game come to her."

Leading just 33-26 at half,
Boudreau quarterbacked
an offensive takeover in the

it's not as congested in the

middle. She's letting the

second half, with the help of Alle Delgenio (13 points), Jill Collins (10 points), and Leah Murphy (5 points).

Lean Murphy (5 points).

Although the 'Cats couldn't carry over that momentum into the beginning of their clash with
Burlington on Friday, Wilmington locked in when it
mattered, escaping with a
47-39 triumph. Boudreau
(22 points) and Delgenio
(17 points) wouldn't take
no for an answer in the
second half.

"When it came down to it, they buckled down and played really well," said Frissore. "At the end of the third quarter, we were only up four. Allie and Eva really stepped up and did what they had to do in the second half. They scored all but three points in the second half. When push come to shove, you rely on your vets, and they got it done."

but the win didn't only transpire on the offensive end. Wilmington has embodied a defense-first mindset this winter, and everyone is doing their job. It's one of the main reasons Frissore can point to on how his group was able to right the ship in just one calendar year.

"Jill and Erin (McCarthy) are our anchors on defense," said the coach. "They cover the two best players, and Allie is very good at helping and doubling, so if Erin or Jill are playing great defense, Allie can come over and get a steal. The way the roles are set up this year is what makes a difference. Everyone knows their roles, and they are playing them really well."

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The 'Cats close out the regular season this week with matchups against Wakefield (Tuesday) and Tyngsborough (Thursday).

Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

Wrestlers finish third in Div. 1 North tournament

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Four Shawsheen Tech wrestlers won championships and the Rams ended up third as a team at the Div. 1 North tournament in Methuen last weekend.

Caleb Caceres went 3-0 and won the title at 132 pounds, beat Nicholas Archambault of Andover in the finals.

Sid Tildley won all three of his matches and won the crown at 138. After two first-period falls, Tildsley beat James Lally of St. John's Prep by fall in the second period in the finals.

At 144 pounds, James Tildsley was the winner. He pinned Greater Lowell's Garrett Ayotte in the second period of the finals.

Austin Malandain had a solid tournament at 215 pounds, going 3-1 and finishing third overall.

Also placing for the Rams was Dante Graziano, who was fourth at 113 pounds, Dante Giusti, who finished fourth at 120 pounds, Aiden Pimentel, a fourth-place finisher at 126 pounds, Jayden Perez, who was fifth at 106 pounds, Ryan Murphy, who was sixth at 190 pounds, Dominic Chaffee was sixth at heavyweight and Jake Mercalf, who finished sixth

A.J. Canadas, Nate Malandain and Quin Carbone also competed for Shaw-

GIRLS HOCKEY

The Shawsheen Tech/Bedford High girls hockey team bring a 10-6 record into the home stretch of the season after a recent three-game winning streak.

The Rams finish the regular season with a Wednesday game in Chelms-

urday road game against Masconomet Regional at 4:40 p.m. and a game next Wednesday morning at 11 a.m. against Gloucester at the Edge Rink in Bedford.

On Feb. 10, Shawsheen beat Marblehead by a 4-1

Violet Lorusso had two goals for the Rams in the win, Sophia Babington added a goal and Anna McEachern chipped in with

Earning assists were Lorusso, Babington, Becca Sobol and Kayah Maloney. Elianna Munroe earned the win in net.

A 5-4 win over Newburyport on Feb. 7 saw Shawsheen goals scored by McEachern, Lorusso, Macy Savage, Sophia Demeo and Lucy Scoville.

Alexis Fox had two assists in the win and Elise McEachern was the winning goalie.

On Feb. 5, a 6-2 win over Wakefield was highlighted by a four-goal performance by Sobol.

Fox and Lorusso each added a goal and an assist. Munroe earned the win

BOYS HOCKEY

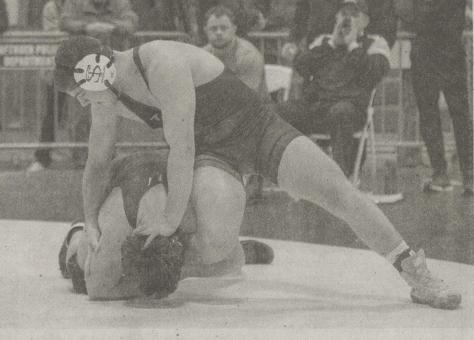
The Shawsheen Tech boys hockey team moved its record to 15-1 with two easy wins in recent action.

Last Thursday, the Rams blanked Minuteman Tech,

Three Shawsheen goalies shared the shutout in net, a group that included senior Matt Tramonte of Tewksbury, senior Nate Medeiros of Billerica and senior Mike Cedrone of Billerica.

Seven different players had a goal. Scoring for the Rams was senior Nick D'Amico of Wilmington,

ford against Medford, a Sat- Ryan Murphy of Shawsheen Tech tries to escape a one leg takedown by Trevor Purcell from Essex Tech/Masco. Ryan Murphy won the 165lb match by decision.





▲ Jake Metcalf of Shawsheen Tech tries to escape a one leg takedown by Freddy Espinal from Saugus/Peabody. (James Thomas photography) Jake Metcalf won by the 175lb matchup.

who potted his first varsity tally, senior Eddie Peterson of Billerica, junior Zack Timmons of Wilmington, junior Cam Splaine of Wilmington, senior Keenan Considine of Wilmington, sophomore Jake Carr of Wilmington and senior Chase Darcey of Billerica, who had a goal

and an assist. Also adding assists was senior Kyle Gray of Wilmington, who had two, as well as Jacoby Patterson of Billerica, Jake Banda of Wilmington, Justin Thibert of Wilmington, Darion Considine of Wilmington and senior Jake Ryan of Tewksbury.

Shawsheen also beat Bishop Fenwick in recent

action, 7-1.

Cedrone played goal and made 14 saves on his way to the victory. Six Rams had goals in the win.

Darcey had two goals and two assists, senior Liam Milne of Wilmington had a goal and one assist, while other scorers were Larry Cullity of Billerica, Thibert, Patterson and Ben

Gibbons of Wilmington. Keenan Considine and Gray had two assists apiece for Shawsheen while other assists went to Banda, Charlie Shannon and Dom DiMambro.

The Rams finish the regular season with a home game against Marblehead on Thursday, a visit to Ha-

verhill on Saturday and a visit to Methuen on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL The Shawsheen Tech bas-

ketball team went 3-3 in a recent stretch, moving the Rams to 11-6 on the year with three games left in the regular season. Shawsheen hosted Whit-

tier Tech on Wednesday, faces Dracut at home on Friday at 7 p.m. and then visits Bristol-Plymouth next Tuesday night.

Shawsheen beat Bristol-Plymouth, Greater Lawrence and Greater Lowell in double-overtime for its most recent wins while falling to Lynn Tech, Bedford and Lowell Catholic

in overtime.

Matt Breen and Zach Rogers led Shawsheen against Greater Lawrence with 18 and 13 points, respectively. Shawsheen won the game, 49-41. Against Bristol-Plymouth,

a 75-45 blowout, Breen led the Rams with 24 points, Franck Moron had 11 and Ryan Copson scored nine.

In the 56-55 double-overtime win against Greater Lowell, Breen had 26 points, 10 in the two overtimes.

Moron added 11 points and Dyllon Pratt and Copson each scored seven. Copson scored all seven of his points in the fourth quarter.

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Practice how you play, play how you practice.

It's preached across every high school hockey locker room as a recipe for success. If you work hard in practice, those results will translate into game action — but it's not as simple as it sounds, and sometimes it comes down to every last detail.

Wednesday night's Middlesex League showdown between Wilmington and Stoneham is a prime example of how that mindset impacts winning when it matters the most.

When Wilmington was down 2-1 to Stoneham entering the third period, it wasn't X's and O's that would spark a comeback. Instead, it was all about an intangible will to win something the Wildcats have embodied on the practice sheets all season long.

"In practice, we talk about finishing the drill and finishing each drill hard," said WHS assistant coach Mark DiGiovanni. "The emphasis was to finish the game and take that

Boys hockey tops Stoneham, Billerica

practice mentality of working hard through the end of practice."

The third period was the end of the drill for Wilmington at Breakaway Ice Center, and they had undoubtedly finished it. The 'Cats netted four unanswered goals from four different scorers to stun Stoneham and escape with a 5-2 victory. The win snapped a five-game winless streak and avenged an earlier season draw to the Spartans.

"We went from playing our worst game of the year to our best game of the year," said DiGiovanni.

Wilmington came out flying out of the gate, breaking the ice at the 13:15 mark of the opening frame when Ryan Archer scored his first career varsity goal on a rebound from Colin Allard, Allard, a speedy defenseman, stickhandled through a pair of Stoneham defenders while heading up ice, eventually cutting to the net along the right faceoff dot and backhanding a shot on net. Archer cleaned up the rebound, providing the 'Cats with an early 1-0 lead.

Roughly seven minutes later, Stoneham began to respond to Wilmington's pace of play.

Joe Aronis one-timed a pass from below the goal line from Dylan Krasco to pot the equalizer, beating Wilmington's Tyler Marinho five-hole. The netminder totaled 20 saves in the win, making a handful of important stops in the first period to give his team a

Stoneham ultimately carried that energy into the middle frame, scoring the period's lone goal at the 11:15 mark when Ryan Minogue whacked in a rebound in front of the net.

The Spartans controlled most of the period, forcing Wilmington to the outside in their defensive end. Wilmington's first shot on goal of the period came over three minutes into action, a breakaway attempt from Matt O'Brien that Stoneham's Noah Dinan denied. Despite a scoring opportunity from Bobby

Cyr on the power play in the final minutes of the period, Wilmington entered the locker room struggling to find any offense in a 2-1 game.

"Going into the third, we just said if we kept up that pace and kept on working at them, eventually we'd start to score," said Di Giovanni. "The team was really energized tonight and fired up."

That's exactly what Wilmington did, breaking through at the 11:28 mark on a Daniel Lagunilla goal to knot the game at two. The 'Cats proceeded to push the pace until they lit the lamp two times in just eight seconds to take a commanding two-goal lead with nine minutes remaining in regulation. After a power play goal from O'Brien gave the 'Cats a lead, Joey Malvone followed it up with a beaming wrist shot for some insur-

Marinho steered away seven shots in the period, including a flurry of chances on a power play and empty-net attempt in the final minutes. Archer eliminated the threat, icing the game with an emptynet heave to seal the vic-

"Those are special teams things that we do work on all the time, and the kids executed that really well," DiGiovanni said of staying composed down the stretch.

"It just goes to show you if you really focus on the specifics, work hard, and keep that momentum, that even if you're down early in the game and keep on working through it to the end, you can pull it out," he continued. "We'll build on the momentum."

CATS REBOUND WITH BIG WIN **OVER BILLERICA**

After a 3-1 letdown to Watertown on Saturday afternoon, the 'Cats certainly did build on that momentum in what may very well be their biggest win of the season; Wilmington prevailed 3-0 against D2 power Billerica

at Hallenborg Arena on Monday night.

"We played a complete game from start to finish (and) we got a goal in each period," said WHS head coach Steve Scanlon. "It was a good solid win."

The Wildcats rallied in front of a Marinho shutout, scoring in each frame to stun Billerica on their home ice. AJ Chisholm scored his first varsity goal as Eric Spinney and Allard rounded out the scoring. In Wilmington's last four games, they've produced five first-time goal scorers, as Spinney tucked his first

goal in Saturday's loss. "Secondary scoring is important," said Scanlon. "You can't go into tournaments where they can shut down one line and no one else can score. So it's a bonus to be getting help from different places."

The 'Cats match up this week against Melrose (Wednesday) and Burlington (Saturday) before their final game of the regular season with Tewksbury (Monday).

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Numbers can be deceiv-

The Wilmington High boys basketball team's 3-13 record this winter is similar to last season's 3-17 showing, but Wilmington's improvements are written between the lines.

"Obviously the record isn't what we wanted, but anyone who's been to our games has seen how much improvement we've made as a team," said WHS coach Jon Amico.

"We've had a handful of

Boys basketball keeps improving

games where we'd lost by 10 or less to teams that were beating us by 30 or 40 last year. That in itself is an improvement. Outside of Reading and Melrose, we've hung with everyone for all four quarters."

That's exactly what happened in Friday's 59-52 loss to Burlington. The Wildcats settled in after the Red Devils pounced on a 12-2 run to start the game. They ultimately couldn't get past a 12-point deficit heading into the fourth, cutting the lead down as little as five.

After a 17-point loss to Burlington earlier in the season, the 'Cats nearly found the win column.

"Our defense improved a little bit," said Amico. "Coach Tim Kelly had a great defensive plan that worked to slow them down." Michael Oatis recorded

his first double-double in the loss, notching 19 points and 10 rebounds. "He's improved so much,

offensively and defensive-

ly," said Amico. "He's really turning into a great leader. He does everything we ask of him."

Tiago Gomez (14 points)

and Ayden Balter (10 points) rounded the offense. Oatis's outbreak on Friday was just the aftermath of another career performance on Tuesday, where the senior dropped a career-best 20 points in a 63-

41 defeat to Melrose. After Melrose put up a whopping 30 points in the first quarter, a 21-point

deficit was too large to chase the rest of the way despite winning all three subsequent quarters.

Ryan Gray also had a big game for the 'Cats, posting nine points and 11 rebounds.

As the season winds down, Amico points to not capitalizing on a potential winning streak as a notable shortcoming to where the team is now. The team will look to chase a streak to cap off the year with matchups with Wakefield (Tuesday)

and Saugus (Thursday) this

"Ideally, it would be to stack a couple in a row and then have the kids realize that they're capable of winning games," said Amico. "I was really hoping that was going to happen after that big Wakefield win. We had Stoneham and Watertown that next week, two good teams that play everybody hard. It would have been nice to get three (wins) that week, then we would have been rolling with three in a row.'



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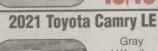
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